

# **S** CANYON COUNTY **SHERIFF**

## **COMMERCIAL BURGLARY PREVENTION**

### **DOORS & LOCKS**

- Secure doors, windows, skylights and other openings with high quality locks.
- Locks are not burglar proof. They make entry harder.
- Double cylinder, dead-bolt locks with one inch throw bolts are preferred for doors.
- Install cylinder guards and strike plates.
- Use solid core or metal doors with bars and u-brackets for added strength.

### **LIGHTING**

- Light is one of the best crime deterrents.
- Use low-watt lights inside and bright lights outside.
- Illuminate all entry points and exterior sides of your business. Include alley and parking lot.

### **WINDOWS**

- Ensure all windows are closed and locked before leaving.
- Remove merchandise from display windows at night.
- Install burglar-resistant glass, wire mesh or iron bars on windows.
- Rearrange merchandise so employees have unobstructed views outside the business.
- Windows should offer light and visibility - NOT easy access.

### **ALARM SYSTEMS**

- Alarms are a deterrent and notification tool – not a physical barrier.
- Hire a professional to install your alarm.
- Have clearly visible alarm signage.
- Consider the use of cameras with your system.
- Test your system regularly.

***Report suspicious activity, theft, or vandalism to the Canyon County Sheriff's Office at (208) 454-7531***