



Four Essential Security Services for Warehouse and Distribution Center Protection

With such importance placed on supply chain issues and being able to meet consumer needs, businesses must be aware of the security threats to their warehouses to keep both product and personnel safe. Having the ability to identify vulnerabilities and respond by implementing proper security measures through use of the best equipment can reduce or eliminate those threats. Here are four security services essential for protecting warehouses and distribution centers.



1. Having the Right Security Cameras in the Right Places

Having footage on camera is priceless for businesses due to the threats of vandalism or theft and the damage they can inflict. Investing in security cameras provides a powerful tool and is a great first step towards providing business owners peace of mind in knowing that company assets are under surveillance. But before making a purchase it's important to make considerations about the business's needs. These can include placement (indoors or outdoors), which lens to use, the type of camera and even the organization's size. Depending on the size and needs of the business, it may be effective to purchase multiple types of cameras. Having [a guide](#) in knowing which cameras fit to address those vulnerabilities can provide the information and confidence to make the right choice.



2. Installing Comprehensive Fire and Security Alarms

Next to theft or vandalism, fire is the largest threat and the most important consideration towards protecting warehouses. The [U.S. Fire Administration \(USFA\)](#) reported there were 1,291,500 fires in 2019 as well as 3,704 deaths, 16,600 injuries and \$14.8 billion in loss. Having comprehensive fire and security alarms installed that make use of the latest equipment can prevent such heavy loss. Theft alarm systems are also crucial for preventing theft or even preventing the amount of product stolen by bringing in the police or security to stop criminals from getting away. These systems can be set up to be self-monitored, particularly with surveillance cameras and video footage.



3. Utilizing Access Control Systems to Prevent Unauthorized Entry

Most businesses traditionally utilize standard locks and keys to keep unwanted individuals from entering their property. However, this leaves a business and its assets open to threats as keys can be stolen or reproduced and, with no knowledge of who would be at fault in doing so. Access control systems as an alternative can be used to control internal access, prevent entry from outsiders and monitor traffic. There are several different [types of access control systems](#), each with their own pros and cons to consider. These can range from key fobs to biometric access systems that utilize fingerprints.



4. Hiring a Corporate Security Firm to Manage Security

While not a popular topic, outsourcing security services to an outside company can be beneficial for several reasons. These security firms bring with them experience, professionalism and confidentiality towards protecting a business. Should a business need help addressing a particular area in the warehouse or having a more integrated approach using solutions like those listed above, a business can be provided with a security department at a quarter of the cost of internal teams with law enforcement experience, more services and knowledge of the latest equipment and trends to benefit the business.



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Security exposure can damage a business with short-term or long-term effects. While some security flaws may not pose an immediate threat, businesses need to understand that criminals are constantly trying to find opportunities to expose security vulnerabilities to get what they want. Identifying and resolving security threats related to specific businesses and industries will decrease security exposure and deter criminals.

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