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The importance of an inclusive home security system doesn't just include wall-to-wall protection. The strategy is much bigger - to deter any possible invader from ever considering your home. Your security yard sign could be the first thing a burglar notices and can help reduce criminal activity. Most are looking for quick and easy theft opportunities, but your sign screams, PROTECTED. Plus, with the advancement of surveillance options, it's in the burglar's best interest to keep moving on. Make your home appear less enticing. Placement is key. Your yard sign should be easy to spot from the road. Good places to position your sign include your driveway curb, front lawn, rear entry, along a wall or fence line, and near your front entry. Keep signs free from shrubbery. Don't forget about security stickers. Ground-floor windows are easiest to access. Put a sticker on lower windows around your home. Make sure your home is well lit at night. If your alarm signs or decals are old, faded or damaged, call our office 805-650-3267, we will deliver new ones for free.



Keep an Eye On Your Children This Summer With Home Security Built-In Features



Schools are out for summer! Children are spending more time outdoors. Whether the kids are having popsicles in your fenced-in backyard or running house to house with friends, it is important to keep an eye on them. Your security system offers several features to monitor activity in and around your home. The Chime feature on your keypad can be a life saver with little ones! If a door is opened when Chime is turned ON, you'll hear an alert directly from your keypad. Chime extenders are available for rooms out of hearing reach of your keypad. Turn ON "Sensor Activity" for all windows and doors in your home. Virtual Keypad will send you a push notification when a zone is opened. Video surveillance and doorbell cameras also integrate and can be managed with your Virtual Keypad app, with live streaming and video clip download. For more information please contact our office at (800) 381-BOYD.

Seasonal Employees: Protecting Your Business with an Access System

As the summer season rapidly approaches, businesses across the U.S. are prepping for the annual rush. On average, 95% of employers are adding extra shifts this summer—which means hiring more employees for the season. Added staff is necessary for keeping up with demand, but seasonal employees can pose a security risk to a company.

Hiring a seasonal employee or even an intern presents a significant challenge for human resources and security because it gives long term access to a short term keyholder. After a summer employee departs, they may still possess valid login information, badges, keys, or other sensitive material.

Not to worry! Combating this issue can be quite simple with the right knowledge and tools to keep your business safe.

ACCESS CONTROL IS KEY

An access control system provides a safer work environment, reduces theft, eliminates key challenges and changing locks, and provides remote access to specific locations. Access control is critical for keeping your business safe when the problem of quick employee turnover arises.

1. Limit Access

Temporary employees should only have access to the areas that are required to perform their job function. Providing blanket access creates unnecessary safety risks. If an employee doesn't need 24-hour access, don't give it to them. Do you have a storage room with expensive inventory? Program keys for only the individuals who need it. Key card systems allow you to customize employee badges to make sure they only have access to what they need.

2. Eliminate Keys and Changing the Locks

Traditional hard keys should be provided exclusively to official personnel. When an employee leaves, eliminate their access. No more lost keys or changing the locks! This process is instantaneous and virtually labor free.

3. Provide security education for all employees

It's essential to educate outside help including temps and seasonal employees of the expectations regarding safety and security. All employees should be required to participate in a security training program which defines safety guidelines as well as clearly define access points. Employees with limited access should be aware of what access points are available to them and how much access is required for them to perform their job function.

4. Types of badges

For seasonal employees, temps, or contractors, there are different levels of security that you should consider. There are a variety of badges you can choose from to meet your desired level of security.



5. Administration

Fully functional access control systems can be administered internally or by you Boyd & Associates. Our Managed Access Control team specializes in taking care of our access control customers by helping administrate the system to the individual needs of each customer. Boyd & Associates protects and manages facilities across the state by:

- Adding and removing access cards on the fly
- Programming individual access levels
- Granting unique access privileges
- Setting open/close schedules
- Track employee entry times, provide scheduled activity reports and audit trails

Addressing the impact of seasonal employees is a great start to realizing the value of access control for your facilities. Re-keying locks and worrying about access with antiquated metal keys can add unnecessary risk to an organization. Consider looking into an access control/key card system to protect your business today!

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