

BUSINESS CLOSURE SECURITY CHECKLIST



Safer Business Network has put together this useful checklist to help you improve security and safety at your premise when it is closed under the November 2020 Lockdown.

The subjects in the check list are guidance and best practice and have been created in partnership with the Metropolitan Police Business Crime Hub.

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STAY AT HOME, PROTECT THE NHS, SAVE LIVES

Due to the high number of cases, the Government has announced a new lockdown which will take place from Thursday 5 November 2020 until Wednesday 2 December 2020 (local restrictions apply until 05/11/20).

Returning to the messaging of "Stay Home, Protect the NHS, Save Lives" the new lockdown seeks to reduce our day-to-day contact with others, therefore reducing the spread of the infection.

The announcement has three main points:

1. It requires people to stay at home, except for specific purposes.
2. It prevents gathering with people you do not live with, except for specific purposes.
3. It closes certain businesses and venues.

The Government has ordered the closure of businesses and venues during this lockdown. This section summarises those businesses.

We will be releasing a range of Fact Sheets and Check Lists on our [COVID-19 Portal](#) to assist you in safely closing down your businesses whilst considering potential crime against your premises.

A full list of the business closures will be published and set out in law [here](#).

NHS COVID-19 APP

The NHS COVID-19 app, now available to download for free in England and Wales, is the fastest way to see if you are at risk from coronavirus. The faster you know, the quicker you can alert and protect your loved ones and community.

The app has several tools to protect you, including contact tracing, local area alerts and venue check-in. It uses proven technology from Apple and Google, designed to protect every user's privacy.

ADVICE TO BUSINESSES THAT ARE CLOSING

This section acts as a checklist to help improve the safety of your premises as it provides a list of key considerations relating to the venue closure.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Test Your Alarm Ensure it is monitored, fully operational and emergency contacts are up to date.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Vulnerable Areas Identify and try to rectify areas of the venue which may be vulnerable to vandalism or as a point of entry during a burglary. Ensure gates, bollards and fire exit doors are secured prior to closure.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Door Security Ensure doors are closed and locked when not in use.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Key Holders Make sure you have an up-to-date list of key holders and that your alarm company have the correct details.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Staff Contact Details Ensure staff details are up to date you that you can update them throughout the period of closure.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>High Value Items Consider moving high value stock items into secured stockrooms and/or ensure they are out of view. You may wish to also consider external secure storage.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Keys Ensure you do not leave any keys inside the premises when closing the venue. You may also wish to ensure that all keys are fully labelled and checked before you close.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Lighting Consider the use of timer switches and/or ensure sufficient lighting is left on at the premises/surrounding area to deter any potential criminals.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Preventing Arson Ensure there are no combustible materials left in the proximity of the building such as packaging which could be used by arsonists.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>CCTV Ensure that your CCTV is fully operational and covers key areas. You may also want to consider if your CCTV can be viewed remotely (via the cloud or a control room).</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Removal of Cash from Site Ensure that no cash is retained on-site whilst the venue is closed. When cash is removed ensure it is in-line with your insurance procedures.</p> <p>You may wish to place a poster in your window advising that all cash has been removed from site.</p> <p>If you have to leave cash on-site, then store it in a security accredited safe securely bolted to the floor (check with insurance company).</p>

PHYSICAL PROACTIVE MEASURES

This section outlines key physical proactive security measures which can be installed or retrofitted to your premises to increase safety and security.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Secured by Design Products Secured by Design is a product-based accreditation scheme (the Police Preferred Specification) provides a recognised standard for all security products that deter and reduce crime. www.securedbydesign.com</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>External Shutters External shutters provide an additional layer of security to the doors and windows of your premises. Remember that you may need planning permission to install shutters.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Door Security Ensure any doors in use leading from public to staff areas (e.g. loading areas) are kept secure and monitored.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Window Security You may wish to install laminated glass or use security film to ensure any glass in your venue is more resistant to physical assault.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Safe Security An insurance rated safe should be bolted to the floor and should be appropriate for the amount of money you will store in it. You may wish to consider having anti-tamper sensors fitted which will set off an alarm if attacked.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Property Security You may wish to install anti-ram raider security tested retractable bollards which can be mounted externally to protect frontages. These may require planning permission.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Anti-theft Devices Consider the use of anti-theft alarms on desirable items within your business – they could be used on your products or your equipment.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Fogging Devices Fogging devices activate when intruder activity is detected. The fog confuses the intruder and also makes it difficult to see the products they want to steal.</p>

BUSINESS CRIME REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP SUPPORT

We are here to support your business during lockdown, re-opening, and recovery to stay safe. Our support is targeted to your business needs. For more information contact your local BCRP team.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Online Training & Webinars Consider attending online training available to your staff, managers, and security.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Fact Sheets & Resources Take note of our official Fact Sheets and resources available on our COVID-19 Portal www.saferbusiness.org.uk/covid-19-portal</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Incident Reporting Report any incidents that occur in your business via our secure intelligence system or contact your local BCRP team.</p>