

Laneway Security Tips for Businesses

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- Install strong metal doors.
- Ensure the frame is strong and secured with long screws from door to door frame. Often it is the frame that is broken , not the lock or door.
- Install “strike plates” over the door at the lock to prevent a prying instrument being slid between the door and door frame.
- Demand staff (especially in restaurants where cooking staff need to cool down) to not prop doors open. Thieves walking by can simply grab a jacket hanging at the entrance.
- Improve lighting around your premise in the lane.
- Install quality cameras.
- Encourage neighbouring businesses to participate in laneway maintenance to keep it attractive and more likely people will use it and therefore take away the comfort that thieves thrive on in neglected lanes.
- Inspect your exterior doors/windows to see if any tampering from attempted break-ins. Share with neighbouring businesses if you find any.

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