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Killam / Forestburg RCMP tips on affordable security for small businesses

Killam / Forestburg, Alta - Security enhancements can be a challenging expense for small businesses, which often lack the resources that larger companies have to invest in more robust security measures. Fortunately, there are many budget-friendly options that can improve safety without excessive costs. These affordable improvements, while simple, can make a significant difference in protecting businesses and creating a safer environment for both staff and customers.

Killam / Forestburg RCMP offers the following suggestions that small businesses can consider to boost overall security:

- Security mirrors installed in the interior of your business can improve sightlines, allowing staff to monitor areas that may be obstructed by shelves or aisles.
- Minimize posters or displays that block views both in and out of your business. Clear sightlines deter crime, as criminals often avoid locations where they may be observed.
- Adding security film to non-shatter-proof windows or glass doors can help delay entry attempts, and increase the chance that someone will notice and report the crime.
- Installing pry guards on doors can make forced entry more difficult. Full-length guards, from top to bottom, are recommended for best results.
- Solar LED lights are not only affordable and easy to install, but also reduce concealment spots without requiring wiring or a high energy bill.
- Security cameras are great, but make sure to research models suitable for your needs, such as low-light or extreme weather conditions. Be aware that many budget-friendly options may lack storage capabilities unless paired with a subscription.
- For sheds or storage containers, choose disc locks over standard padlocks, as they're harder to cut and provide better protection for stored goods.
- Maintain trees and shrubs to prevent hiding spots around your property. Bushes should not exceed two feet in height, and tree branches should be trimmed up to six feet from the ground to keep sightlines open.
- Perimeter alarms can be tailored to monitor key entry points and detect unauthorized access, alerting you immediately if there is a breach.

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