

Strategic Lighting Improves Security

Darkness is the burglar's friend. It provides both concealment and time to work. Good security lighting, however, removes the cover of darkness that burglars need. It is an excellent and low cost deterrent to intrusion and vandalism. Adequate illumination will also aid surveillance of the building by police or security patrols.

Exterior Lighting

Illuminate all accessible building openings. Storage yards, shipping docks and alleys should also be well lighted. Mount floodlights on poles or high on the building to reduce the chance of tampering or vandal-caused breakage.

Interior Lighting

Interior night lighting should generally consist of low-wattage lamps placed near the more valuable merchandise and over the safe. This will allow police patrols to quickly check the most likely targets of a burglar.

Other interior lights should be placed so that an intruder's silhouette can be seen from the street.

Controls

All security lighting should operate automatically. A photoelectric cell control is the most effective system for turning lights on and off. Electric timers may also be used. Security lights should be on a separate electrical circuit. Circuit breakers and switches should not be identified. Promptly replace burned out lamps.

