BUSINESS CRIME REDUCTION CENTRE

Company Report

Name of business: Glass Recycling Ltd, 418 Carlton Road, Barnsley.

Observations

- The business is situated on Carlton Road, Barnsley in the immediate vicinity of Carlton Industrial estate. The company occupies a very large area with main access to the site and weigh bridge via substantial metal gates. The frontage is slightly offset from the main road and has limited natural surveillance from the passing public and vehicles.
- The rear of the premises is surrounded by fields and woodland with no public surveillance
- The building's interior is fully alarmed and monitored and the main site area is covered by external CCTV.
- The company operates a 24/7 cycle with limited staff after 10.00pm until day shift.
- A recycle scrap aluminium process is an integral part of the company production and this company will always be a prime target for metal thieves and travelling criminals. Metals theft being one of the highest value recorded crimes in the United Kingdom and the South Yorkshire area.

Recommendations - [illegible] is a list of recommendations that you may wish to consider when upgrading the security of the business. These notes are issued for your consideration only and should be viewed in that context. You are advised to seek authority from the property owners prior to any work being undertaken and due regard must always be taken of existing legislation such as Health and Safety and Fire Regulations etc. Consideration should also be given to the requirements of your insurer

- Businesses in the South Yorkshire area are vulnerable to attack by 'travelling criminals' and metal thieves who have access to long wheelbase vans or the flat back Hiab crane type of vehicles. These travelling criminals carry oxy' burning equipment, disc cutter type Slyt saws and various tools. The latest trend is to cut a hole into roller shutter door or breach a building wall with sledge hammers. This M.O. beats the security door contacts and affords easy free access to the premises without tripping the alarm. If PIRs inside form part of the alarm system, these criminals know that they may have 20minutes+ to gain entry, take valuable property and leave in advance of the police or keyholder arrival.
- These travelling criminals during the working day or hours of darkness also gain entry to site stockyards, taking the opportunity to steal anything in the open yard or skips. They will enter premises to steal tools, metal, equipment, etc. Many are prepared to use violence and intimidation when challenged by staff.
- We spoke about the many aspects of security – the isolated location of your premises, secure locks, windows, doors, internal protection, extended CCTV, lighting, the South Yorkshire Police/ BCRC business watch scheme linked to the local policing team, etc, etc.
- Security at the rear of the premises, especially where the new development is in progress is vulnerable due to the easy access from the fields and woodland. Metal thieves will be a constant threat and the security fencing needs to be of the highest order and requires a top section of rotating vanes, wire or electrification similar to that currently fitted elsewhere on site.
- The vehicle fleet on site is also vulnerable to fuel theft and cat convertor theft, etc.
- The nature of the company recycling process creates a potentially hazardous working site and staff are well versed in health and safety issues. Criminals who may unlawfully enter the site, especially during the hours of darkness may be young persons or persons with drug habits and could be exposed to injury – the need for high security fencing is paramount.

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