

# Access Control, your Key to Safe and Secure Building Access

In today's environment of Global Terrorism, struggling economy, and safety threats to all of us, how do you help your business meet the challenges of increasing security and staying on budget? Every day, businesses across America face challenges from Internet Hackers, spammers, scammers, and such. We take action to protect our network, warn our employees of potential scams, and try to prevent the outsider from affecting our bottom line. But what are we doing to protect ourselves from physical intrusion? After all, what is more dangerous to the safety and security of our business than to have an individual meaning malicious intent from walking right through the front door? Maybe this individual's intents are to rummage through offices seeing what type of information he can find. Maybe his intentions are to sabotage equipment within your facility. Then again, his intentions may be to hurt or kill your employees through some premeditated or random act of violence. It wasn't too long ago where this would have been unheard of. However in today's world, we hear of this type of thing on a weekly basis in the news. Just think back to recent news reports of Postal freaks out there taking their anger or problems out on other human beings. No institutions, not colleges, not schools, not hospitals, not even military installations are safe.

So how do you help control your environment? Assess your risks; limit the chance something like this can happen at your place of business. Golden West Technologies is highly skilled in providing solutions to help you mitigate the threat. We will start with a site survey to help you understand how access control can give you positive results. We can advise you on solutions ranging from access control, intrusion detection, or video surveillance, to a combination of systems giving you a comprehensive security solution.

Access Control is the key to ensuring those persons who desire and are authorized entry into your building have that capability when and where you choose. It also ensures that those same people do not have access when they should not be there as well as preventing unauthorized entrance at all times. Using key fobs, key cards, pin codes, and even fingerprint technology, we can design a system which will provide the level of security you desire. We can use software associated with these systems to set up schedules so your facility will either open or close to meet your office hours. These schedules can be set up to allow for holidays, special events, even snow days. We can set access levels to allow everyone in certain areas and only certain individuals into other areas. We can set system functions to allow you to initiate a facility wide lock down at a moments notice.

Video Surveillance is the proof in the pudding. With video surveillance, we help you investigate incidents which have happened. This evidence can be used to help identify the bad guy, clarify events which led to an occurrence, or even identify fraud.

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