

Plan for crime while you have the time

The holiday season is ideal for checking your property's security. It is impossible to guard against every danger, but you can reduce your chances of becoming another crime statistic by using the following tips.

Action plan

"Do a security audit of your property," says Johan van der Merwe, Trellidor Outeniqua franchise manager. "Preferably use a security professional. They deal with regular emergency call-outs and can quickly spot a building's weak points."

With a plan in hand, add 'layers' of security as time and finances allow. "The minimum defence is barrier security such as Trellidors," says Johan. "Purchase the best you can afford as they last longer, ward off attack more successfully and operate smoothly. Further 'layers' of protection

include walls, electric fencing, external sensors, alarms, armed response and an active neighbourhood watch.

"Garages are not seen as part of one's security system, but many break-ins are opportunistic and garages are often the easiest point of access to the home. We keep tools in them for thieves to use or leave them open to petty theft in complexes. Choose garage doors carefully and keep them locked. A good quality garage door's security features are the ones you can't see. Coroma garage doors, for example, have panels that fit so snugly into one another they are extremely difficult to force apart."

Secure that business

Businesses in the Outeniqua area are as vulnerable to crime as homes, but owners need to protect their retail outlet without

turning it into a jail. "Roll-Up Serranda automated roller shutters are the answer," recommends Johan. "They roll up out of sight during opening hours and down again at closing time. They can also close quickly during an emergency."

"Security measures are often seen as a 'grudge' purchase," acknowledges Johan. "But unfortunately it is now a necessity, so we offer a free security assessment to residents and businesses in the George, Mossel Bay and Oudtshoorn areas when we are called in to quote. Most manufacturers close over the festive season, so our advice is to call us as soon as possible."

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