

Security is a family business



Jacques Snijman (left) pictured with his father & franchise owner of Trellidor Cape Town South, Peter Snijman (right).

Trellidor Cape Town South has been securing homes and businesses with their quality barriers since 2001, when owner Peter Snijman became one of the first franchisees in the area. Peter has a long history with the Trellidor family, having served the company in various sales and managerial capacities since 1995. His son Jacques recently joined the business, carrying on the family tradition.

"Jacques has had extensive training at both the Trellidor and Coroma factories, giving him an excellent grounding in all our products and processes, so that he can offer the same high level of service that our customers are used to," said Peter. Trellidor and Coroma are sister companies under the Trellidor Group umbrella.

The focus for Peter, Jacques and their experienced team is to make sure customers' homes and offices are secure before the upcoming holiday season. With unemployment rising due to declining economic circumstances, the possibility of crime increasing is real. If local residents are going away, they'll need to make sure thieves can't break in while their home is vacant. If they have a holiday home, they'll want to lock it up tightly when they leave to return home.

And those staying at home are cautioned to take stock of their security and make sure the necessary measures are in place.

"Good quality security barriers on all doors and windows will protect homes and their occupants against criminal activity," said Peter. "There are just a few points to bear in mind when choosing security products."

Don't 'buy down' in

- the search for short term financial savings because the costs could be far greater in the long run.

Many break-ins occur

- through the lock area, so purchase the toughest lock available to secure the best protection.

Get a professional to

- assess your home's current security. They'll check that every door and window is secured with barriers that aren't damaged or corroded and suggest corrective measures.

Secure all windows

- and doors with barriers so that if your other security measures are breached, the perpetrators are still barred from getting inside.

Set up a safe area as

- a haven to hide in and call for help. It needs sliding window barriers and a door barrier.

Be disciplined about

- using your security measures and lock up even if you're home.

Don't buy into the

- myth of housing estates being completely secure. Take responsibility for security in your unit.

Barriers should be

- designed to allow everyone to leave the building with ease in an emergency. Trellidor has solutions for special needs, e.g. tracks that lift up out of the way.

"We have a product range to suit all budgets and are happy to provide a free security assessment as well as help customers choose barriers that will be uncompromising in doing their job for many years to come," said Peter.

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