

Why Hire a Security Consultant

I have often been asked, “Why should I spend money to hire a security consultant to tell me what security measures my business needs?” I guess the biggest reason is unless you know about security issues that affect your business; you will need assistance from a professional to keep you out of an expensive court case.

There is a lot more than just looking at your doors, windows and locks or alarm systems to figuring out what security measures are need to protect your entire business. The main goal is to look at all your liabilities on security issues and reduce or eliminate them. This saves you time and money in the long run and keeps you out of a possible court situation in the future.

The costs of court decisions can be in the millions of dollars, bad publicity, lost sales and possible loss of the business completely. You must look at all the liabilities and risks to your business and reduce them to the lowest possible denominator or face losing everything if something does happen and you lose the case.

To this end, you need to do a physical site security survey. This will identify the most pressing of your security issues that can get you in trouble. By looking at the entire company, those issues can be identified, measures to protect you implemented and your liabilities reduced!

There are measures that only need to have policies and procedures changed or implemented that will reduce your liabilities. There are other measures that you will need to put in place to protect your hiring process that can save you from a lawsuit. Then there may be other measures that contain a security presence on site or after hours that will protect you.

The thing with competent security consultants is, they know what to look for when identifying security issues and they know how to deal with them with cost effective reductions/eliminations. They know what does and does not work for a variety of business types and your particular area of location.

Security measures do not mean that it has to be a major expense outlay every time. But, it can come to a major expense if you do not have the proper security measures and wind up in a court situation being sued for that reason. You may have insurance to cover it and they may not cover you if you are found to have been negligent in your actions or inactions. Then there is the bad publicity, the court time, the attorney fees and on and on. You can see it can be very traumatic for a business owner, especially if you lose the case!

So it makes sense to use a security consultant to get the best benefits you can, think of the expense as an investment for the future. It will keep you out of court, it could save you on your insurance, it will keep you out of the bad publicity limelight and it will give you piece of mind.

It is better to be prepared and not need it than to not be prepared and need it. This is true for any type of business! Stop looking at security as just an expense and look at it for what it is, an investment to protect your future!

Consultants can help you with the following issues:

- Negligent Hiring/Retention
- Premises Liability
- Negligent Security
- Hiring Contract Security Services
- Physical Site Security Surveys
- Business Espionage
- Fraud and Internal Thefts
- Disaster recovery
- Risk/Threat Assessments
- Policy and Procedures Reviews
- Security Staff Training Reviews

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