Security Issues in Your Business: How do you know if you have them?

Most business owners I talk to almost always say to me they have no security issues in their business, so I always ask them this question, How Do You Know? Then I usually get an “I am not sure” or a “Nothing has happened so far” answer from them. Most believe they have had nothing bad happen so they are safe and secure no matter what.

For whatever reason business owners seem to think that because they have an alarm system and maybe a camera system installed, they should have no security issues at all. This can be a dangerous assumption from these folks if they all of a sudden have some incident happen that they could have stopped before it occurred. They could be in for a costly lawsuit or a major loss of business because they thought they were protecting all their assets when they were not.

In 2009 the U.S. Labor department survey showed that 62% of small businesses were sued by one of their own employees. Of these lawsuits most were for of the discrimination, wrongful termination or just the policies and procedures that were used against the employee by the business owner. This should be a very large wake up call for business owners of all sizes, it can and will happen to you eventually if you don’t plan ahead to eliminate these security issues.

Business security issues are a lot more than alarms and cameras! They also include, just to name a few issues:

- Company Information out in public domains
- Hiring, Discipline, Retention and Termination Processes
- Policy and Procedures in place or not implemented
- Hiring Security Providers beyond just cost alone
- Premises Liability Issues
- Business Continuity Planning
- Employee Security Training and Emergency Response Training

Above are just a few of the issues that security measures can help a business owner deal with, keeping them from losing money, wasting time and going to court over costly lawsuits that could have been eliminated with proper planning and advisements from a professional security consultant or security coach.

These professionals can assist you in identifying your risks and threats to your business and its assets. By using their unique sets of skills and knowledge, you the business owner can indeed reduce or even eliminate these issues before they occur into a costly court situation.

It has been a well known fact that being proactive in nature is always less costly than being reactive to a problem or situation, you never want to be caught playing catch up in the business world when you can plan ahead and have things you need covered before it costs you everything you worked so hard for.

Whether you decide to go with a security consultant and have them do all the work for you and give a report on the needed implementation to stop bad things from happening or by using a security coach to work in partnership with you on the issues you need to deal with, you need to look at this issue seriously before you lose money, time, reputations and your life's work!

If you don't know you have issues in your business, then you cannot fix them, use professionals to help you fix problems that are what they are for. Talk to your CPA and Lawyer, find out how much can be saved by this utilization, it may reduce your insurance costs, it is most likely tax deductable and should be a business expense. It will save you time and money over time no doubt about it, it only takes one bad choice and a lawsuit to ruin your business forever! Don't become a victim of your own not caring, act on it and stay safer today!

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