

## HOW SAFE IS YOUR FACILITY?

In the wake of tragic events in Newtown, Connecticut and elsewhere around the country, many of Secant's clients have asked us: "What can we do to make our facility more secure?" Whether you are a school administrator chartered with providing a safe environment for staff and students, or a business owner who needs to protect not only staff but company assets, there are many considerations to answering this question.

Effectively securing your building involves implementing countermeasures to deter, detect, delay and respond to intrusions and unauthorized entry. Every organization has different requirements for an effective building security plan, but it definitely involves more than just locks and an alarm system.

While there are a plethora of security solutions including intrusion detection, access control, and panic systems, first you need to look the current state of security for your facility.

- How is your building accessed, when and by whom?
- How is your building secured and what policies and procedures are in place?
- Are there unique building or situational factors to be considered?
- Do you have an efficient emergency communication system and plan?

Another critical consideration is "Secure what?" The basic requirement of any security solution is to protect building occupants and contents. Access control often extends beyond merely controlling who may enter, but monitoring when and where they do so as well as limiting access to certain areas. But requirements would be entirely different for a warehouse facility where inventory must be secured as compared to a medical facility which must ensure staff and patient safety as well the confidentiality of medical records for which compliance is mandated and regulated.

Regardless of the type of facility, our experienced Physical Security Specialists can help develop a security improvement plan which leverages not only technology but effective policies and procedures. From [Access Control Systems](#) to [IP Video Surveillance](#), we offer a wide range of efficient, affordable solutions to help you gain peace of mind knowing that your people and property are safe.

