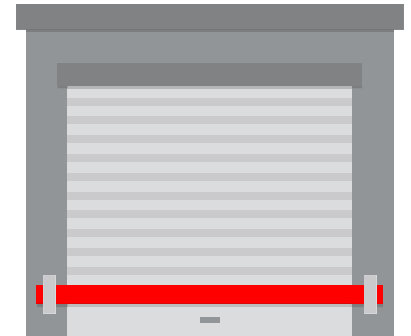


## Putting up barriers to protect your business

With ram raids and shopfront attacks increasing, now is the time to think about protecting your business. As well as the trauma of such an event, it can interrupt businesses for days while repairs and clean ups are carried out.

The good news is, with a bit of preparation and some strong protection, you can make it difficult for unwanted intruders to cause havoc. Here's a quick overview of what to consider to keep them out, and keep you and your employees safe.



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## Boost your security with bollards

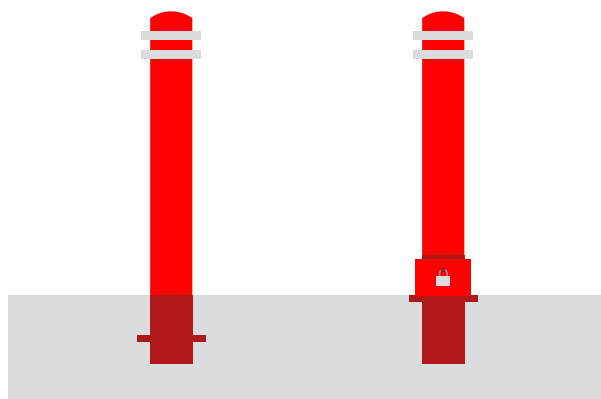
These are a great idea to help deter ram raids. However, having the right type, size, and installation is critical as to how well they protect you in an attempted raid. The best bollards are sunk and concreted into the ground and should be at least 115mm in diameter and filled with concrete. Keep in mind that ram raids don't always happen through the front window, so make sure side walls and weaker entry points are protected too. Keep in mind that heavy, wheeled skip bins can be used to break through doors and walls as well.

## Locked and loaded

Removable bollards can be removed as required, and are best used where vehicles need to pass in and out of roller doors, or along restricted driveways. They should sit in a sleeve that is concreted into the ground and locked in place with a closed shackle padlock. They offer some protection, but aren't as secure as fixed bollards.

## Beam me up!

Where bollards aren't practical, for example on a public council-owned pavement, you should think about other protection such as removable beams across the entranceway or shopfront. These offer decent protection, and lock into brackets secured to the wall with masonry anchors.



Fixed

Removable

## Plant some obstacles

If you have the space and regulations allow, think about heavy planters or even secured street furniture which can act as a deterrent for an attempted ram raid.

## Step up your security

There's no such thing as having too much protection! Bollards protect against ram raids, to guard against other types of break-ins you should layer up and consider anti-jemmy devices on the doors, fixed or removable security bars and grilles, expanding trellis, roller grilles, security laminate on the glass or a combination of all of these. And don't forget a monitored intruder alarm and good quality CCTV – maybe even fog devices. These are all worth the investment.

## Talk to a specialist

Consult a security professional for solutions to meet your specific needs. They can carry out an onsite visit and advise on ways to protect your business and building.

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