



## Security

### Understanding the Risk

The need for effective security to enable businesses to protect themselves from the consequences of crime has never been more apparent.

Crime-related risks are dominated by theft, malicious damage and arson, and the effects of these events can range from minor disruption to disastrous loss of your business.

The exposure to crime needs to be adequately risk assessed. The risks can then be controlled by designing a package of security measures to best practice standards, comprising the appropriate combination of physical, electronic and surveillance protections.

The suite of RiskFix – Security guides together with the RiskFix – Arson Control guide set out the best practice measures needed to control the crime-related risks to a business.

#### Related Loss Statistics

For commercial property, Home Office crime statistics reveal an average of over 2,000,000 burglaries and robberies per year over a 13-year period, as shown in the chart on the right.

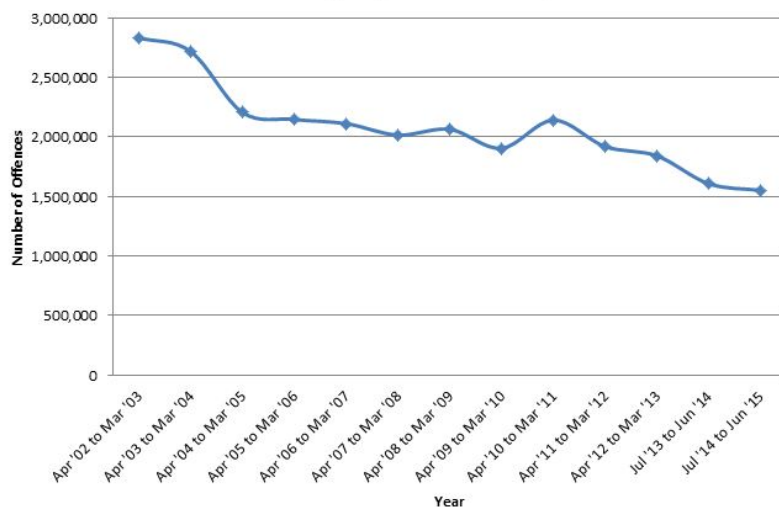
Whilst these figures are shocking, they do not include losses arising from arson, which is security-related and is by far the largest single cause of fire in commercial and industrial premises in the UK, accounting for 21% of fires according to statistics produced by the Fire Protection Association. These figures clearly demonstrate a need to review security measures to prevent or mitigate these risks.

#### RiskFix guides regarding security measures:

The following RiskFix document suite provide details on risk mitigation and loss prevention best practice regarding:

- Physical protection
- Intruder alarms
- Closed circuit television (CCTV)
- Money
- Manned guarding
- Computer equipment protection
- Arson control

**Burglary and Robbery 2002 - 2015**



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