

Redefining Security in Corporate Spaces

Office trends are changing. 2025 saw the highest office occupancy rate since the pandemic, and more than four times as many UK businesses plan to expand their offices over the next 12 to 18 months, a far cry from previous downsizing trends.

With offices pulling people back into the workplace more frequently, the demand for adaptable protection is growing. Security officers occupy varied roles in myriad venues, from airports and nightclubs to commercial premises and retail environments. Traditionally seen as a stoic deterrent, security officers in corporate spaces are often the first face visitors meet, making first impressions count. Providers should be equipped to deal with anything, from common risks like bike theft to enacting emergency protocols and must do it all with a smile on their face.

Hybrid solutions for hybrid needs

Hybrid working often doesn't follow a clear pattern, and security shouldn't either. Providers should develop flexible strategies for offices no longer needing manned receptions for five days a week, opening opportunities to consider a mix of officers on the ground, monitoring services, and lone worker patrols.

These services should be scaled up or down depending on occupation and space usage. For example, a networking event might require more officers on hand to greet and guide visitors. If an office is vacant at night, it may benefit most from a remotely monitored sensor alarm that alerts officers to any unauthorised access.

By assessing a building's needs and collaborating with its management and facilities teams, providers can integrate skilled officers with technology. This approach maximises resources while maintaining consistent, people-focused protection.

Building protective layers

A multi-layered approach is essential. Identifying site-specific vulnerabilities is the first step, and working with providers to develop tailored plans ensures every gap is covered. If your site is attended by lone workers, security partners can provide safety devices such as ID badges and body-worn cameras with SOS buttons. Once triggered, officers can provide immediate guidance and emergency services when needed.

Human presence remains the critical layer. If an assailant triggers an alarm or is caught on monitored CCTV, the quick deployment of officers will deter any repeat break-in attempts. Combining trained personnel and site-specific escalation protocols means that no matter the time or situation, threats are managed before they escalate.

The right officers for the job

As office use continues to rise, security officers' keen eye prevents the common and complex threats like unauthorised access, vandalism, antisocial behaviour and bicycle theft.

They also need to greet and assist colleagues, visitors and the general public, all while remaining alert. Understanding workplace dynamics, knowing occupants and departments, and responding immediately in emergencies ensures both safety and a welcoming environment.

Every business deserves a comprehensive safety strategy, no matter the threats it faces. Officers need to combine professionalism and personable skills, with a proactive approach to incidents, allowing businesses to maintain continuity, reassure occupants, and stay prepared.

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