

Depot Security

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Discussion introduced by Peter Kahn.

Topics covered included types of security breaches – by humans, birds, animals – vandalism, malicious damage, theft, carelessness, accidental.

Birds and vermin can cause fire hazards – avoid accumulating junk/ rubbish.

Security breaches can occur during opening hours – tools, money and other valuables un-attended.

Protect visiting public from access to unsafe areas.

Actions

Check that tools and other equipment put away at end of day, buildings/ vehicles secured, electrical equipment isolated, alarms activated.

Caretaker, 24 hour security firm, movement detectors connected to audible/ light alarm and/or to police, security firm or responsible member.

Restrict availability of site keys – use master key system to prevent unauthorised copying.

Sprinkler systems to protect vehicles/buildings.

Don't have large amounts of cash left on site overnight, limit cash carried by conductors, etc.

Good housekeeping around museum sites is every member's responsibility and is a major way to ensure security risks are kept to a minimum.