

Challenges to Security in Schools

With cuts in funding it has become a challenge for many educational institutions to implement proper security measures with their available budget.

This remains an important issue as failing to protect students within your educational premises can have serious legal consequences.

This discussion therefore aims to shed some light on ways to overcome the challenges and constraints surrounding security solutions to protect the safety of your students.

Access Control

Financial constraints do not have to prevent you from incorporating security measures into educational institutions.

Access control is an ideal security solution to increase levels of security and can be installed at a relatively low cost.

Access control in educational premises

Access control allows or prevents people from either entering or exiting a specific location. At its most basic level access control can safeguard students and staff by not allowing unauthorised personnel to gain access to buildings and certain areas.

At University level

Access control can be extended to incorporate various facilities, such as the university's library, accommodation or student union. This is a cost effective way of increasing university security whereby it may not be effective to install complete perimeter security.

By incorporating access control in to your institution, you can:

- Deter unauthorised personnel from entering certain areas
- Safeguard your staff and students
- View detailed access activity reports
- See who had access to critical areas before or after an event of security breach
- Protect valuable equipment by restricting access to personnel

Integrated CCTV Systems

When you have CCTV installed in your educational premises it may not be as expensive as you think.

The cost will depend on a number of different factors, including the number of cameras and the model of the camera you go for. However, CCTV plays an essential role in monitoring activity and providing you video footage of any incidents which should occur within your premises.

At University level

CCTV can be cost effective as it can decrease the number of thefts or vandalism and provide evidence against any crimes that are committed. CCTV can be a major tool to help your security staff protect your premises to the best of their ability by easily monitoring a large area in a Security Control Centre.

By incorporating CCTV in to your institution, you can:

- Deter criminal activity such as thefts and vandalism
- Protect your premises car park and property
- Promote a safe and caring environment for studying
- Keep track of remote entrances and exits easier

ClearView

Should you be interested in improving the quality of security within your educational institution; ClearView provide free advice and consultancy including system design and drawing up specifications and plans.

More importantly, ClearView will ensure that they provide to you the most cost effective security system solution for your budget.

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