

Protecting School Property During Winter Break

School break-ins typically fall into one of three categories:

- **Nuisance break-ins:** Usually students whose goal is to enter a closed school without intent to steal or vandalize
- **Professional break-ins:** Often crimes by offenders seeking items of value to sell for financial benefit
- **Malicious break-ins:** Usually students acting out with the intent to cause high dollar damages to the school



While each type of break-in may result in different levels of monetary damage to the school, over time even multiple nuisance break-ins can add up to large costs and disruption to educational programs.

Reducing the risk of school break-ins requires planning and effective communication on the part of administrators. Here are some **steps employees can take** to better protect property during closure:

- Keep window coverings closed to hide room contents
- Inspect and secure physical barriers such as fences, gates, locks, etc.
- Utilize monitored alarms such as motion detectors, video surveillance, and electronic sensors
- Brightly illuminate entrances to deter thieves and install motion lights in dark areas
- Keep portable electronic equipment in locked cabinets with properly secured carts in alarmed rooms or storage areas
- Take all possible steps to prevent access onto school roofs
- Increase security patrols on campus

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Schools are most vulnerable to break-ins during weekends and holidays. Rest assured that you can file a claim **24 hours a day, seven days a week**. To report a loss, please contact:

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Immediate reporting plays a critical role in any claim, especially those claims involving property. Report claims as soon as damage is discovered.