



Vacant Retail Property Protected by **ShopShield** from Clearway





ShopShield Retail Security

ShopShield One is a fixed-price retail security solution that is simple, affordable and ticks all the boxes to keep your premises safe and secure until new tenants can move in.

ShopShield One will cover replacement locks, an external key safe, a temporary letterbox seal, and baggable paper waste removal, along with a comprehensive risk assessment to highlight any other potential problems.

Why you should secure your empty retail shop or unit:

- To prevent previous tenants from re-entering the property or passing on keys or security codes to others.
- To retain easy, secure access to the premises at all times.
- To stop unwanted mail building up inside the door as this presents a potential fire hazard for arsonists.
- To understand any security or access risks to ensure the property remains insurance compliant.

Your empty retail shop is at risk

Security for vacant retail units is extremely important, particularly as there has been an increasing number of break-ins and vandalism to empty shops in the period of time before a new tenant moves into the unit.

We work with property management companies, landlords and portfolio managers to safeguard property assets against many types of risks.

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Risk Assessment

A comprehensive risk assessment will be carried out by our security surveyor to determine any further security risks to the property.

Locks Changed x 2

We will replace the barrel or mechanism of up to two standard locks.

Additional standard locks are charged at £45.00 per lock.

Non-standard locking mechanisms will be quoted separately.

Key Safe Installed

A mechanical, metal, key-operated locking key safe will be installed on an external wall, preferably at the rear of the premises.

Letterbox Sealed

Installation of a physical metal barrier covering a standard letterbox. This is a temporary measure that can be removed at a later date.

Flammable Waste Removed

Collection, removal and legal disposal of paper-based waste material (such as old, unwanted post) equivalent to a maximum of three standard black bin bags.



Locks Changed



Key Safe



Letterbox Seal



Bagged Waste

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Retail Risk Assessment

A risk assessment is a fundamental part of any effective retail security strategy. Our experienced consultants deliver bespoke risk assessments at thousands of properties nationwide, identifying any potential vulnerabilities or security risks that may impact a retail shop or unit.

Each multi-point risk assessment is complete with an overview of the threat level, options to mitigate the exposure, and forms a baseline from which to provide a comprehensive security solution.



Letterbox Seal

Commercial letterboxes present a high-security risk because of the potential for wilful arson. Whether mindless vandalism or targeted damage, it's not uncommon for a vacant building to be set ablaze through the letterbox.

It may be kids setting off a firework through the letterbox or even lighter fuel or petrol being squirted through the opening and set on fire. The result can be complete devastation of a retail premise.

The installation of a temporary physical metal barrier ensures that this point of vulnerability is adequately secured.

Commercial Door Lock Change

Access keys are often distributed to multiple staff members, cleaning contractors, security providers and other third parties.

When tenants leave they will often take keys with them or simply forget to hand them back, so when the property is vacant and/or no longer in use, a lock replacement is crucial to preserving the integrity of each entrance.

We will change the barrel or locking mechanism of up to two standard locks. Additional standard locks are charged at £45 per lock. Two replacement keys will be provided with each new lock.



Key Safe Installation

Key safes, (mechanical locking safes) are an excellent way to safeguard retail security key sets while retaining them on-site for easy access by authorised managers and personnel.

In addition, this simple, but effective security asset avoids the need to produce multiple sets of keys which increasing the risk of loss or theft.

Installing a commercial-grade, tamper-proof key safe keeps retail premise keys away from view and in a secure location with combination code access to ensure no risk of theft.

Flammable Waste Removal

Exiting tenants will often leave piles of unwanted paper-based waste, and with an open letterbox new post will continue to be delivered, all of which adds to the risk of fire.

We will bag up and remove up to three standard black bags of paper-based waste, to be legally disposed of through one of our waste transfer sites.

With decades of retail security experience, our staff are fully trained and accredited, whether you require technological surveillance solutions, enhanced safety during higher risk activities, or permanent protection against unlawful behaviour.

Bolt-ons - Additional Retail Security Services

In addition to the standard services provided with ShopShield One, additional services may be required that are specifically designed to keep your shop or retail unit secure. For retail premises we are providing each additional service at a fixed price, subject to survey:

Utilities Drain-down: £200

Gas, electricity and water services that are used for everyday business activity become a risk to the property owner once the tenant has vacated the property.

Gas and electricity can usually be isolated fairly easily, but water presents a very different challenge.

Winter is likely to bring the biggest risk because of the potential water damage from burst pipes if the property is no longer heated. However, even without the challenge of extreme cold weather, when a retail premises is unoccupied, any naturally occurring water leaks will go unnoticed and may cause irreparable damage to the fabric of the building.

Our utilities drain-down service ensures gas and electricity are correctly isolated and that water systems, such as toilets, sinks and central heating are fully drained to remove all standing water. The benefit to doing so is two-fold; it makes the property far less attractive to squatters if no utility services are available, and it helps prevent the risk of Legionella bacteria that proliferate in stagnant water.

Retail Property Inspection x 12: £360

Property inspections are a core part of ongoing best practice building management. They act as a health check for the premises as a whole, flagging up potential problems, identifying required repairs, and highlighting any attempted intrusions or vandalism.

A series of property inspections can be invaluable when assessing the security of a retail site or monitoring the effectiveness of existing security controls.

Depending on the size of your retail premises, regular property inspections may not only be advisable, but may be a requirement of your insurance company in order to maintain commercial property insurance compliance.

Twelve property inspections is the minimum, and you can choose to have these weekly, fortnightly or monthly.

Commercial Waste Removal up to 1/2 tonne: £395

As businesses have a legal duty to demonstrate responsible waste management, it can be a significant challenge for retail site managers and property owners when faced with fly-tipping, clearance of a new premise, or large scale waste.

Clearway's commercial waste removal is a fast, efficient and fully licensed service to clear any waste material, including some hazardous rubbish that untrained personnel cannot safely handle.

Wireless Alarm Systems – 12 weeks rental: £660

Alarm systems are a key part of any retail security solution. The Clearway video verified alarm system is a monitored, stand-alone, battery-powered, wire-free, alarm system that communicates via the mobile network. It is the perfect security technology solution for retail and commercial sites that have multiple access points. The alarms operate independently of mains power or telephone line connection, allowing for placement in almost any location on your site.

Whenever a motion sensor is triggered the video verified alarm system will record and transmit a 10-second real-time capture to identify the cause of the activation either to our monitoring station or direct to your mobile device.

Each alarm installation is fitted with wireless communications that ensures you can make instant decisions on whether there is a need to alert the authorities to a potential intrusion in progress.



Other Vacant Property Security Services Available



Keyless Steel Security Doors

As retail shops and stores often have multiple entry points they represent its most significant vulnerabilities. The main front entrance door or doors can be secured with sheet steel or panels, but a separate point of access is likely to be required to allow for tradespeople, property managers/agents or other authorised personnel to come and go.

In some cases the door can be replaced with our approved and accredited Clearway Keyless Toredoor, providing security with a steel door, and easy access via electronic keypad, removing the need to hold additional sets of keys.



Steel Security Screens and Window Protection

With several potential break-in points, store windows are often seen as the easiest way to gain access. We are specialists in fitting sheet steel panels, sometimes using bespoke wooden frameworks designed to cover the entire glass panel area when a retail unit is not in use.

Clearway steel security screens and doors are a vital addition to your retail security services package, whether as an interim safeguard during planned events, or as a long-term solution to ensure the property is protected once vacated. Steel screens and doors are almost impossible to overcome, can withstand high-impact assaults and are fitted with tamper-proof bolts to prevent removal.



Pest Control

Infestations can happen on any site and can be a significant problem for vacant retail shops or units. Insects and rodents will always find a way in to rapidly infest a property. Together with the associated contaminants and health risks, this can make a property unsuitable for visitors.

Clearway's pest control service eradicates a vast range of pests, including invasive plant species, such as Japanese Knotweed, that can cause a considerable amount of damage if left to grow unchecked.



Retail Hoardings

Professional retail hoardings act as an opportunity to deliver high-quality advertising, a fire-safe barrier, or an effective way to funnel foot traffic and separate different parts of your retail site.

Retail hoardings have multiple uses, either as a permanent structure to fit out the interior of a retail site or as a short-term installation to screen visitors and customers from construction works or on-site redevelopment projects.

Our CCTV security teams provide rapid-response installations, wireless CCTV with tamper-proof casings, and retail security CCTV temporarily during higher-risk activities or permanent facilities for long-term protection.

CCTV for retail premises

Advanced CCTV surveillance cameras are the front line of your defence – especially if your retail unit is vacant. CCTV acts as a digital guard on-site 24/7, capturing clear video footage in the event of an incident, and alerting your security team of authorised or unauthorised entry.

Primarily used for the surveillance of commercial car parks and retail units, we provide high-spec, fully weatherproof, battery and solar-powered CCTV towers to capture footage 24 hours a day. Our towers are typically used in retail settings to monitor car parks for antisocial behaviour, fly-tipping and squatters whilst vacant.

Aside from our CCTV towers, Clearway installs and monitors a broad range of retail site-specific CCTV solutions, with bespoke systems recommended to fit the layout and format of your premises, and with functionality including:

- Daylight and Infrared night vision cameras for continual surveillance.
- Audible warnings to prevent an attempted intrusion from taking place.
- Timed alarm activations for instant protection out of hours.
- Mobile CCTV patrols, with Pan-Tilt-Zoom cameras for comprehensive coverage.



CCTV Monitoring

For those looking for an end-to-end CCTV service, we provide a professional CCTV monitoring service – one of only a small number in the UK that is fully accredited to NSI Gold, Cat II standard.

We will monitor your retail unit from our ultra-secure monitoring station, 24/7. Using the latest in monitoring technology, our teams are well versed in analysing live threats to your property and ensuring the correct action is taken in the event of a breach.

This service gives a new layer of security and is recommended for any CCTV or verified video alarm system installation.



Manned Guarding and Dog Patrols

Many larger retail stores are located outside of major urban areas or away from residential developments in out-of-town retail parks. This positioning makes them attractive to criminals who have the opportunity to break into retail sites without immediate detection.

While alarm systems provide crucial support, a canine security guard patrol team is the gold standard of retail security services.

Canine security patrols with SIA accredited guards are the ultimate deterrent and effective at reducing out any threat of intrusion.

Ideal for more expansive areas, exposed perimeters or retail sites that are situationally vulnerable, manned guarding teams can detect attempted security breaches instantly, responding according to a pre-agreed protocol.

Every canine patrol team provides a full service, including threat detection, routine patrols, raising alerts, investigating alarm activations, keyholding services and lock and unlock schedules.



Access Control Systems for live retail sites

Retail managers responsible for valuable goods, such as electronics, have a greater need to eliminate the risk of unauthorised intruders.

Access control systems are ideal for storage areas, stock management facilities, or areas of a site requiring restricted access that are only accessible to authorised staff members.

These systems are tailored to every site, with a range of solutions:

- Keypad entry systems with electrical verifications.
- Access tokens or passes allowing only workforce members to enter secure areas.
- Role-based entry permissions defining which staff have entry approval.

Clearway also provides access control alarm monitoring, ensuring that any attempts to bypass your systems are instantly notified and security teams deployed.



Perimeter Concrete Barriers

Concrete barriers are a failsafe way to safeguard the perimeter around a retail property. They have multiple applications, preventing ram-raiding and unauthorised vehicle access, assisting in safe traffic management, and blocking off entranceways not in use.

Clearway's perimeter concrete blocks are a cost-effective method of providing a physical boundary line that prevents unlawful access.

Why Choose Clearway?

Clearway supports clients across the UK, delivering bespoke and comprehensive vacant shop and property security services to provide the highest levels of surveillance, safeguarding and protection against a broad range of threats.

With decades of retail security experience, our staff are fully trained and accredited, whether you require technological surveillance solutions, enhanced safety during higher-risk activities, or permanent protection against unlawful behaviour.

We continually work with a number of authorities such as the Metropolitan Police, local councils, and leading retailers such as Toys R Us and Homebase.

View our case studies for more information about the solutions we have provided.

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