

Safer places of Worship

Safes

The number of people with access to safe keys and combinations should be kept to a minimum. Care should be taken when opening a combination lock that no-one reads the combination. Never leave a safe unlocked, not even for a moment.

Where the property to be stored is too large for a wall or floor safe, a free-standing type is necessary. It is important that free-standing safes are bolted to the floor and walls wherever possible. It is worth remembering that walls provide excellent protection to the rear and sides.

Safes should not be within a public area of the building where it will attract attention, a vestry or similar area is better and some places of worship have created a secure area which is kept locked at all times when not in use.