

# Safer places of Worship

## Intruder Alarms

Intruder alarms are often not installed as they are considered to be too expensive, too much trouble and inappropriate for use within a place of worship. It is strongly suggested that the installation of a suitable alarm, in conjunction with other security measures may discourage criminals for the following reasons:-

- The presence of an alarm system can deter the would-be criminals;
- An alarm substantially reduces the time available to the criminal to commit the crime;
- A good quality alarm system can be cost-effective, often costing far less than that of other security devices. The value of good quality physical security (such as door and window locks, bars and other protection to windows) cannot be underestimated. However, in some instances additional alarm security may be advisable. You may want to especially consider this if you have high value items, if you are situated in a high crime area or if you have suffered problems in the past.
- Systems can be designed to meet the requirements of individual buildings or specific areas within the building. Contact an alarm specialist for appropriate alarms for your particular needs.

When you are ready to purchase an intruder alarm, we recommend quotations being obtained from at least three UKAS accredited alarm companies, approved by the local constabulary under their ACPO Policy, (Association of Chief Police Officers) and proposals submitted to your insurer.