

Three Factors You Should Consider When Making an Investment in a New Safe

In a response to citizen complaints the American Bar Association issued a statement claiming that the problem isn't too many lawyers, it's that there just aren't enough ambulances.

Always read the fine print: If your group insurance program is real cheap, it may be because it will only pay if you are all sick of the same thing at the same time.

What do you get when you cross a TV sitcom and a postage meter?

You get a program that cancels itself!

Everybody is so sensitive, even people who are short are claiming to be "vertically impaired."

When purchasing a safe there are three main points to consider before making a decision:

- ❶ *Size or Capacity of the Safe*
- ❷ *Type and Degree of Protection*
- ❸ *The Price of the Safe*

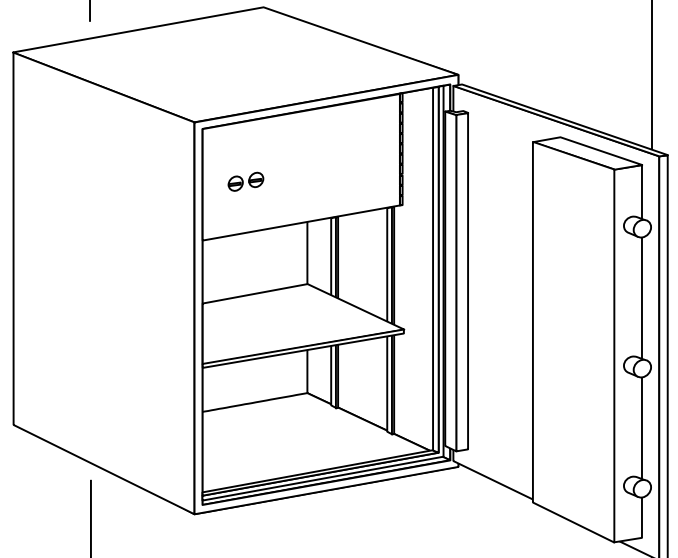
The first determination, size or capacity is entirely dependent on what you are going to store in the safe. The best way to do this is to measure the largest items you intend to secure. Plan to buy a safe with interior dimensions that allow for at least 25% more room. Be aware that the inside and outside dimensions of safes vary considerably. You must allow for the body and the insulation of the safe. These two factors can reduce the inside size of a safe quite a bit. The extra 25% will allow additional room for items you have forgotten to consider or new items you will want to add later.

Remember, once you install the safe, it'll never get bigger, but you will always find more items you would like to protect.

The second determination, type and degree of protection is dependent on the nature of the property that you wish to secure. Safes are built to meet certain fixed standards of either fire or burglary resistance. Non-negotiable paper documents and records usually can be housed in a fire resistive safe. However, if the items are primarily valuables such as cash or jewelry, then they should be stored in an appropriate burglary

resistive safe. It is possible to make a burglary safe fire resistive by using inserts or composite materials. Fire safes, on the other hand, rarely offer any level of real burglary protection.

The last factor, price is determined by the size and type of safe you wish to purchase. Prices can be anywhere from reasonable, for small fire safes, up to very expensive for jewelers safes. Just be cautious; if you find a great bargain on a new or used safe—pause a moment and consider—you may not have a true bargain at all! With safes it's true: "You get what you pay for." It is better to think of a safe as a business investment, not just a purchase.



Shown Above: 30" C-Rate Money Chest

We handle money safes and fire safes in a variety of shapes & sizes to meet most needs.

If you have any questions, or if you are considering investing in a safe, please contact our office for further information on types, sizes and pricing on the safes we handle. We would be happy to assist you in finding the right safe to fit your needs.