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OUR COMMITMENT

As a Security Professional, it is our job to assist you in performing your security related duties. We desire to be a genuine asset to your firm and to become an important member of your management team. Our goal is to assist you in solving and preventing security problems so that you can be more productive. Ultimately we would like to help you increase security, decrease risk and help you control or reduce your ongoing security related operating expenses. We recognize that physical security is only a small part of your overall responsibility. But for us, your security is our primary concern.

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Sure You Can Shoot a Bullet Through It... But Who Cares?

Padlocks come in all shapes, sizes and price ranges. When you are choosing a padlock it is important to understand your intended use, so you can get the right lock for the job. Ask yourself these questions before you buy.

Is the lock going to be used outside?

Corrosion is a serious problem for exterior padlocks. It's not the lock body or the exposed part of the shackle you need to worry about. In a padlock, it's the springs and the locking balls or tumblers that cause most of the corrosion problems. If corrosion is a factor, you may want to consider a marine grade lock or one of the new padlocks with a sealed plastic housing.

Is there public access to the lock?

If your lock is out in the open, the more serious your security must be. U-store facilities are notorious for break-in's. Even if there is a gate and a fence, there is often easy access to the lockers.

How many people need keys?

Some people ask for combination padlocks because they figure they will save money by not having to cut extra keys. Unfortunately, a combination is easier to "duplicate" than a key. If one person tells another, the combination is

"duplicated", this can be done again and again. In fact, if you have more than one person who will access the lock and you want to control duplication, you may want to purchase a lock that features a restricted keyway.

Will you need more than one lock?

Will this be a stand-alone lock or will you have multiple locks? If you are buying more than one or you know that you will be adding more locks in the future, you should request a lock that is "Rekeyable" or one that is available in "Keyed Alike" numbers. Some padlocks can even be keyed to fit masterkeys or your door keys.

If you answer these questions, it will help you choose a lock that is more effective.

Oh, by the way, if you think your padlock is bullet proof, you are wrong. A padlock can be shot at by a .38 Smith & Wesson caliber handgun from 30 yards away. We have a padlock that will resist this type of attack, too!

