

SECURITY CHECKLIST

5 THINGS ABOUT BALLISTIC BARRIERS IN POLICE STATIONS



A well-designed, modern ballistic barrier doesn't just stop bullets: it prevents and contains altercations, controls access, and channels citizens to the appropriate staff. Consider these items before you settle on ballistic features for your station.

1 SECURING YOUR STATION

- ☐ **Front Lobby & Entrance** - Securing the front entrance with bullet resistant doors and automatic locking mechanisms could prevent ambush violence within your station. People entering the police station can approach ballistic transaction windows, where they can conduct their business safely.



2 DESIGNING YOUR BARRIER SYSTEM

- ☐ **Interior** - Systems for use in police stations are built with Level 3 UL-rated bulletproof polycarbonate materials. These can stop rounds up to and including a .44 Magnum.
- ☐ **Exterior** - Generally done with heavier Level 4 glass-clad polycarbonate. This stops small arms and rifle fire.
- ☐ **Reinforcement** - Surrounding walls are often reinforced with 1/2-inch bullet resistant fiberglass. Modifications are often required to assist with weight bearing.



3 CONSIDERING ACCESS CONTROL

Consider who has access to your entry and exit points, and how the access points will be controlled. Know who is coming in and out of your station at all times.

- ☐ **Access Control Features** - Consider using automatic locking mechanisms, electronic strikes, card readers, keypads, and buzz through doors.

The number one cause of police officer deaths in 2016 was firearms-related incidents, with 64 officers shot and killed nationwide.



33%
1/3 of 2016 firearm-related police fatalities were instances of officers being shot without warning in ambush-style shootings.

4 COMMUNICATING THROUGH YOUR BARRIER SYSTEM

- ☐ **Trays & Package Passers** - Items can be passed through barriers to station personnel safely.
- ☐ **Communication Portals** - A variety of options are available including speak holes, portals, and talk-thru windows to make communication easy and safe.



5 CREATING A WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT

- ☐ **Aesthetic & Fit** - Expertly finished ballistic barriers demand respect and keep violent criminals in check. A properly measured and designed ballistic barrier will fit seamlessly into the aesthetic of your station and provide a welcoming environment.



What level of security is best for police stations?



UL-rated levels 1 - 3 are the most common levels of bullet resistance used in police stations.