The future of office security has arrived

Commercial real estate professionals and business managers speak out on office security innovation

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When it comes to office security, there are several options for access control systems to manage the perimeter of a building. Securing interior office spaces in a commercial building, though, has not been so straightforward. In fact, interior office security has historically been a real challenge for businesses.

The challenge of today’s most common solution
Mechanical door hardware is the most common solution in play. Yet, it’s time-consuming to manage with regular employee or tenant turnover as well as the distribution of hundreds of keys. A lost key means rekeying every single opening, every single time a key is lost or not retrieved. And it’s impossible to know, at any given time, when and where keys are being used—and by whom. Most of all, maintaining the integrity of a master key system is a complicated process that requires a security professional such as a locksmith.

The right size electronic access control solution
There are all types and sizes of access control solutions on the market today — all designed to meet the needs of various types of buildings. While some systems may be over-featured for smaller office spaces, they are certainly used with great success in many applications. Commercial real estate managers and tenants are looking for the basic elements of access control in a cost-effective package. Solutions that are easy to select and implement, and allow users to self-manage their electronic locks and credentials in a quick and simple way.

What commercial real estate professionals are looking for
Commercial real estate professionals confirmed that they are looking for a technology-driven solution that enables business owners as well as property and facility managers to easily succeed at office security. They imagined a solution that is both Internet-based and app-driven, giving owners and managers immediate control of who has access to an office door—right from their mobile phone. Such a solution, they claimed, would transform how commercial facilities are secured and managed.
That solution is here—designed by Allegion

Allegion, with strong roots in commercial safety and security, recently unveiled its new Schlage® NDE wireless electronic lock with ENGAGE™ technology. This innovative solution brings together the electronic lock, mobile app and credential of choice. ENGAGE Technology gives property managers and office staff unprecedented control over interior office security.

- **Easy to select:** With the lock, credential and app all combined into one solution, the NDE lock with ENGAGE technology gives you everything you need to add access control to an office space. It doesn’t require pulling together separate components to custom-design a solution. Everything is included and designed to work just like you need.

- **Easy to implement:** With a wireless, Wi-Fi-based technology platform, this solution is easy to deploy to multiple tenants and users. There are no wires to run and it fits standard cylindrical door preps. It can be installed in approximately 15 minutes—with no renovations or retrofitting.

- **Easy to manage:** ENGAGE technology relies on technologies familiar to consumers, such as the cloud and mobile apps. With a mobile phone app, you can have control of the building in a way that is simple and intuitive. The app provides building managers and tenants a quick, easy way to control the access of their spaces at all times—even when they are not on site. It also allows them to manage credentials—including adding or deleting users—and view audits and alerts right from a Wi-Fi-connected smartphone or tablet. Most of all, it’s easy to use with the necessary security features built right into the app.

- **Easy to integrate:** Multiple credential types—proximity cards, smart cards, and mobile credentials—work with the solution so building managers can leverage existing credentials throughout the building, or they can use the same credential for the interior as the exterior.

- **Easy to budget for:** Finally, because the NDE with ENGAGE technology was designed for the commercial real estate market—with only the necessary features included—its price point is reflective of the value it offers to the commercial market.

When a business is not properly secured—from the inside out—it is at risk. By controlling access to more than the entrance of your office, you’ll not only secure your business assets, but also improve productivity and, ultimately, safeguard your reputation.

### Evolve the security of your business

Whether you’re a business owner or manager, or a property or facility manager, you will benefit from better management of interior office security. If you are interested in adding the NDE with ENGAGE technology to your interior office space, [click here](#) to learn more at the ENGAGE website.

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