

Cost-effective lockdown systems for your building using Paxton Access

A lockdown, as part of a building safety protocol, is an emergency procedure intended to secure and protect occupants within a facility when an immediate threat makes it safer to stay inside than to evacuate. It is a response to an internal or external danger, such as a violent intruder, terrorist attack, or a hazardous chemical spill nearby.

Core Purpose and Function

The primary goal of a lockdown is to control the movement, access, and egress of people to minimise exposure to risk and frustrate threats. By implementing physical security measures, emergency personnel are better able to contain and manage the situation until an "all clear" signal is given, usually by law enforcement or a designated authority.

Key Procedures

- Lockdown procedures are distinct from a fire evacuation and involve specific actions to maximise safety:
- Securing the perimeter and internal areas: All external doors, windows, and access points are locked to prevent unauthorised entry or exit. Internal doors are also secured where possible.
- Taking shelter: Occupants are directed to move to a safe place within the building, away from windows and doors.
- Remaining hidden and quiet: Lights are often turned off, and occupants are instructed to stay low, out of sight, and silence mobile phones to avoid drawing attention.
- Awaiting instruction: Communication is critical, and occupants must only follow instructions from emergency personnel or the designated incident management team.

Types of Lockdown - Procedures can be flexible and tailored to the specific threat:

- Partial/Preventative Lockdown: Involves locking perimeter doors to keep an external threat out, while allowing normal activities to continue within safe zones.
- Full Lockdown: Requires occupants to stay put in secure, secluded areas, with all movement prevented in, out, and around the building due to an imminent threat.
- Dynamic Lockdown: Emphasises the ability to quickly restrict access and movement through physical measures in response to a fast-moving, evolving threat.
- Developing and regularly practising lockdown procedures is a crucial aspect of overall building security and emergency preparedness, often forming part of an organisation's statutory responsibilities for safety

What do we need to do? What questions should we be asking?

1. What is Martyn's Law? <https://homeofficemedia.blog.gov.uk/2025/04/03/martyns-law-factsheet/>
2. If using Net 2, do you have the Net 2 Pro license in place?
3. Make a plan of your building
4. Consider where you can create safe cells
5. How easily can you establish a secure cordon, work from the outside in
6. Once locked down, can you create safe passageway inside the locked down zone?
7. Will you have access to communication with the outside world when locked down?
8. How quickly can you identify the need for a lockdown scenario
9. How do you want to initiate the lockdown procedure to be started?
10. Who needs to be able to initiate the procedure
11. Who needs to be exempt from the lockdown rules to move freely around the site?
12. How do you announce the lockdown?
13. Will your fire alarm override the lockdown?
14. Can you access your site CCTV from the lockdown position to ensure it's safe to re-open?
15. Call MMV Contracting Limited, we can help you to design, install and implement the lockdown facility.

Lockdown with Paxton

What do I need?



1. **REQUIRED** Electronically controlled door
2. **REQUIRED** Electronic lock of any type
3. **REQUIRED** Access control unit with backup
4. **OPTIONAL** Emergency break glass for door release
5. **REQUIRED** Proximity reader for read in (unsafe side)
6. **OPTIONAL** Push to exit button (secure side)
7. **OPTIONAL** Voice message sounder to announce lockdown start and or finish
8. **OPTIONAL** Alarm beacon to announce lockdown in progress
9. **OPTIONAL** siren to announce lockdown start and or finish
10. **OPTIONAL** Lockdown initiating break glass
11. **OPTIONAL** Prox or PIN reader for exit and/or lockdown initiation with code
12. **OPTIONAL** Connection of the Paxton Net 2 or Paxton 10 system to free issue APP
13. **REQUIRED** Net 2 Pro software on server/PC or Paxton 10 on-premise server software inc.

Items 10 & 11 can be located in the vicinity of an ACU controller, they do not have to be at the door