

Stop Tailgating at the Source

Tailgating is one of the most common security breaches and can result in unauthorized entry by someone who could harm your property or people. Consider these anti-tailgating strategies to ensure only approved users are entering your building.

WAYS TO DISCOURAGE TAILGATERS

- ID badges:** All authorized personnel, including visitors, should have identification issued to them.
- Train employees in social engineering:** Your employees want to be helpful, but that helpfulness can lead to a security breach. Train people around aspects of social engineering so they'll notice when things are out of place. For example, they might spot someone walking around with a roll of drawings, but your company hasn't done construction or renovations lately. That's a perfect opportunity to say "Who are you with? How can I help you?"
- Physical barriers:** Turnstiles are a great way to implement barriers without delaying the entry of authorized personnel too much. Financial facilities, data centers, or other sites with high security needs might want full-height turnstiles, while others will benefit from optical turnstiles.
- Visitor management systems:** All visitors should be required to engage with a visitor management system. A paper check-in log is not sufficient. At minimum, the visitor management system should require some kind of state-issued identification.

10 TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS

Many tailgating strategies are easy to retrofit and complement other existing security tech. Consider one or a combination of these 10 systems.

- Smart cards:** These can house multiple credentials for different areas on one card.
- Security guards:** Human personnel can visually confirm whether a badge matches the holder.
- Turnstiles:** These serve as a physical barrier and are good for areas with high-volume traffic.
- Laser sensors:** Some technologies can detect whether multiple people are trying to enter a space using one person's credentials.
- Biometrics:** Incorporating individual characteristics deters employees from sharing credentials with each other.
- Long-range readers:** Use these in parking lots and garages.
- PIN codes:** Add these to credential readers for another layer of security.
- Camera analytics:** AI is giving cameras more analytics power than ever. Some models enable remote facial recognition or other features.
- Visitor badging:** Ensure temporary guests are accounted for.
- A mantrap, airlock, or access control vestibule:** This system uses two interlocking doors to control access to high-security spaces. 