

SPRING CLEAN YOUR SECURITY:

5 Ways to Audit Your Safe & Store Protocols

1. Inspect and Maintain Security Cameras
Security footage is only useful if the cameras are capturing clear, accurate footage. Clean all camera lenses to eliminate dust or smudges. Check viewing angles to ensure they still cover critical zones like entry points, safes, and high-value inventory areas Test recording functionality to confirm that footage is being properly stored and timestamped. Pro Tip: Make it a monthly routine to spot-check camera footage for blind spots or technical issues.
 2. Test Alarm and Monitoring Systems Your alarm system is a first line of defense in the event of a break-in or emergency. Be sure it's fully operational. Confirm all sensors (door, window, motion) are triggering properly. Test audible alarms and sirens to ensure volume and clarity. Verify communication with your monitoring service or alert system is functional. Schedule professional testing annually if you're using a third-party monitoring service.
3. Replace Batteries in Wireless Devices Don't wait for a dead battery to reveal itself during a crisis. Spring is a great time to check: Motion detectors Wireless alarm panels Door/window sensors Remote keypads Consider using battery-monitoring software or labels with replacement dates.
 4. Update Safe Access Codes Routine code changes can drastically reduce unauthorized access risks—especially if staff roles or team members have changed recently. Change safe combinations or keypad codes. Limit access to essential personnel only. Log all changes and communicate them through secure channels. For added protection, consider upgrading to safes with dual authentication or time-delay features.
 5. Review Emergency Protocols with Your Team Are your employees trained to respond quickly and safely in the event of an incident? □ Conduct a brief safety refresher meeting. □ Revisit emergency exit plans, lockdown procedures, and roles in a crisis. □ Provide clear instructions for responding to smash-and-grab attempts, break-ins, or fire emergencies. ○ Emergency drills don't have to be lengthy—quick role-play scenarios can build confidence and preparedness.