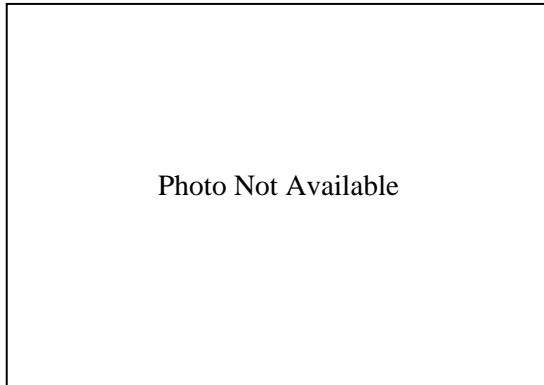


Best Practice: Integrated Safety and Security Infrastructure



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Description: The facility has integrated safety and security procedures to complement one another. For example, the use of audible alarms on emergency exits ensures that personnel can exit quickly in an emergency but intruders will not be able to enter undetected.

Discussion: Keeping additional entry/exit points restricted for use only in cases of emergency facilitates access control into restricted areas. Equipping these additional entry/exit points with audible alarms enables the facility to keep them unlocked so safety requirements for personnel exit during an emergency are met while also meeting security requirements as any unauthorized use of these entry/exit points will trigger the audible alarm.

Potential Down-side: No potential down-side identified.

Conclusion: Although this type of system is a good solution to controlling access, it may not be necessary in all port facilities. It helps increase the monitoring capabilities and efficiency at smaller ports but may not prove to be efficient in larger size ports.

Cost: The cost of installing alarms on the doors would require an initial investment and routine maintenance will be fairly low in cost.