

# Access Control & Entry Phone Systems Buyer's Guide

Purchasing the right security system to match your specific needs can be a challenge and there are many things for you to consider.

We have therefore taken the opportunity of listing below some of the key questions you need to ask before making a decision to purchase.

- What are the basic reasons for you installing a system?
- Will you be replacing your access cards on an annual basis?
- Magnetic stripe cards are less expensive than proximity tokens but have a much shorter life.
- Do you want a differently coded card per person so you can add/delete individually?
- Do you want to control the system, including adding/deleting cards locally or from a central computer?
- How many personnel require access?
- Do you need different personnel access to different areas?
- Is the time of access different for different areas and on different days?
- Do you require controlled exit as well?
- Be aware of safety issues! i.e exit breakglass switches to disable door locks in the event of emergency.
- For visitors calling via the entry phone, do you want to view them as well as speak to them before you give them access?
- How many communication points do you require in the building to the visitor's entrance?
- What happens in the event of a power failure?
- Is an electricity supply available or does it need to be installed?

Access Control Automation can respond positively to all of the above as we offer a comprehensive range of solutions [see [Access Control & Entry Phone Systems](#)] that can help us to provide the right system to match your exact requirements.

Please contact us for a [free on-site survey](#) at your earliest convenience.

