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CASE STUDY

Miles and Co – Securing a Classic Car Collection



Exceptional collections deserve exceptional doors.

Discover how layered door security keeps classic cars safe.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Miles and Co came to Larnec with a clear brief: the building would store and display classic cars, and the doors needed to do more than open and close. With irreplaceable, high-value vehicles on site, the doors were the first and last line of defence for the collections that are the pride and joy of their owners.

Classic car collections aren't just valuable, they're often irreplaceable. Unlike a stolen laptop or a piece of jewellery, a one-of-a-kind classic car can't simply be reordered or replaced with an insurance payout. For Miles and Co, that meant security couldn't be an afterthought bolted on once the building was finished; it had to be designed into the doors from the outset.

Larnec supplied custom solid core steel-clad doors for the build, fitted with a layered package of anti-burglary hardware: panic bars, latch guards, panic bolts, and upgraded locksets. The result is a building envelope where every doorset is doing real security work, not just providing an entry and exit point.





WHY LAYERED DOOR SECURITY MATTERS

It's easy to think of a door as just an opening; something you walk through without a second thought. But for a building housing high-value assets, the door is the single most important barrier between a collection and an intruder. Get the door wrong, and every other security measure inside the building, from cameras to alarms, is only ever reacting after the point of entry has already been breached.

Fact: doors remain the most common point of entry for intruders, according to the Crime Statistics Agency.

That fact carries more weight against the current backdrop. Victoria's crime rate has reached a record high, with 630,592 offences recorded in the 12 months to December 2025, a 4.2% increase on the previous year, according to the latest Crime Statistics Agency data.

For a building storing high-value collections, that's not a statistic to shrug off. Opportunistic and targeted break-ins alike tend to follow the path of least resistance, and a standard door with standard hardware is exactly that. It's a reason to make sure every layer of door security is doing its job, not just the lock, and not just on the front entrance but on every access point around the building.





THE LARNEC APPROACH: LAYERED SECURITY

Security specialists talk about "layering" for good reason: no single product stops every method of attack, but a doorset with several layers working together forces an intruder to defeat multiple defences, one after another, in a short amount of time and usually in a highly exposed position. That's what makes a determined attempt far less likely to succeed, and an opportunistic one far less likely to even start.

For Miles and Co, Larnec's hardware package was built around layering multiple points of resistance into the one doorset:

- **Custom solid core steel-clad doors** — a strong, heavy-duty base that resists forced entry, kicking, and prying far better than standard hollow-core or lightweight doors. The steel cladding also resists the kind of cutting or drilling attacks that a timber-faced door wouldn't withstand.
- **Upgraded locksets** — higher-security locking mechanisms than standard commercial hardware, with more robust bolt throw and cylinder protection, making the door harder and slower to defeat by picking, bumping, or forced manipulation.
- **Latch guards** — protecting the latch and strike area from tampering, prying, and forced entry attempts, closing off one of the most common weak points targeted in a forced-entry attempt.
- **Panic bars** — supporting safe, code-compliant emergency egress for anyone inside the building, without compromising the security of the door when closed and locked from the outside.



Each element covers a different point of weakness, so a would-be intruder is met with resistance at every stage rather than a single point of failure. Defeat one layer, and there's still another standing between them and the collection inside.

DON’T BE LEFT WISHING YOU HAD UPGRADED

A small investment in door security upfront can save you far more than money if the worst happens; it can save you the heartache of losing something that can’t simply be replaced. Insurance can cover a financial loss, but it can’t replace a car with history, provenance, or sentimental value attached to it. For collectors and businesses storing high-value assets, upgraded door hardware is one of the most cost-effective forms of protection available, especially when weighed against what’s actually at stake behind the door.



ASK US HOW TO LAYER UP YOUR SECURITY

Larnec’s anti-burglary hardware range is built to add layers of protection to any doorset, from latch guards and upgraded locksets through to full custom steel-clad doors. Whether you’re securing a classic car collection, a commercial premises, or a facility storing other high-value assets, the same principle applies: **the door is where security starts**.







Ask us how to layer up your door and overall building security,
and protect what matters most.

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