



## Beware - Computer Thefts

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### **The Japanese Earthquake and Tsunami and the shortage of computer components**

There is a real concern that we could see an increase in the number of thefts of computer components as a result of the recent earthquake and tsunami in Japan.

The events in Japan have disrupted production of key computer components used in the manufacture of many types of electronic goods. This may manifest in shortages and price increases of these items (and, potentially, the final products into which they are used), in turn leading to a greater demand on the black market.

Media reports are currently highlighting potential issues affecting the supply of flash memory chips, batteries, and microchips used in mobile phones and computers. In view of the increasing black market demand for these commodities and consumables consideration should be given to increasing the levels of security required to protect your premises.

The first line of defence against burglary is a good level of physical security to your premises. Review your Perimeter Fencing, your physical security to Doors and Windows, your Roofs and and consider security marking of specific items.

Special attention then needs to be paid to the protection of property that might be a target for thieves (for example, stock, computers, and so on).

Laptops and other portable devices are particularly attractive. You may wish to review your carrying procedures.

There are a number of security measures that you may wish to consider to reduce the possibility of theft. Your Account Executive will be able to offer property security advice if you have any concerns in this area.

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