

Keeping supply chains moving – securing logistics hubs

Securing businesses in the logistics industry can be an extensive task. With valuable goods, vehicles on the road, multiple locations, and a complex network of supply chains, protecting both assets and employees are all part of the security considerations.



RISKS AT PHYSICAL LOCATIONS – WAREHOUSES AND DISTRIBUTION CENTERS

A key logistics industry risk is related to physical locations, such as warehouses and distribution centers. This is a risk that industry standards body TAPA EMEA seeks to mitigate through the creation of Facility Security Requirement (FSR) standards. These are updated every 3 years, with the next iteration scheduled for 2026.

One of the biggest challenges at physical locations is the risk of unauthorized access, which can lead to theft, vandalism, and disruption to operations. To protect locations, it is important to implement an appropriate security solution – combining, for example, technical solutions such as access control, intrusion detection, video surveillance systems and services, on-site or remotely delivered.

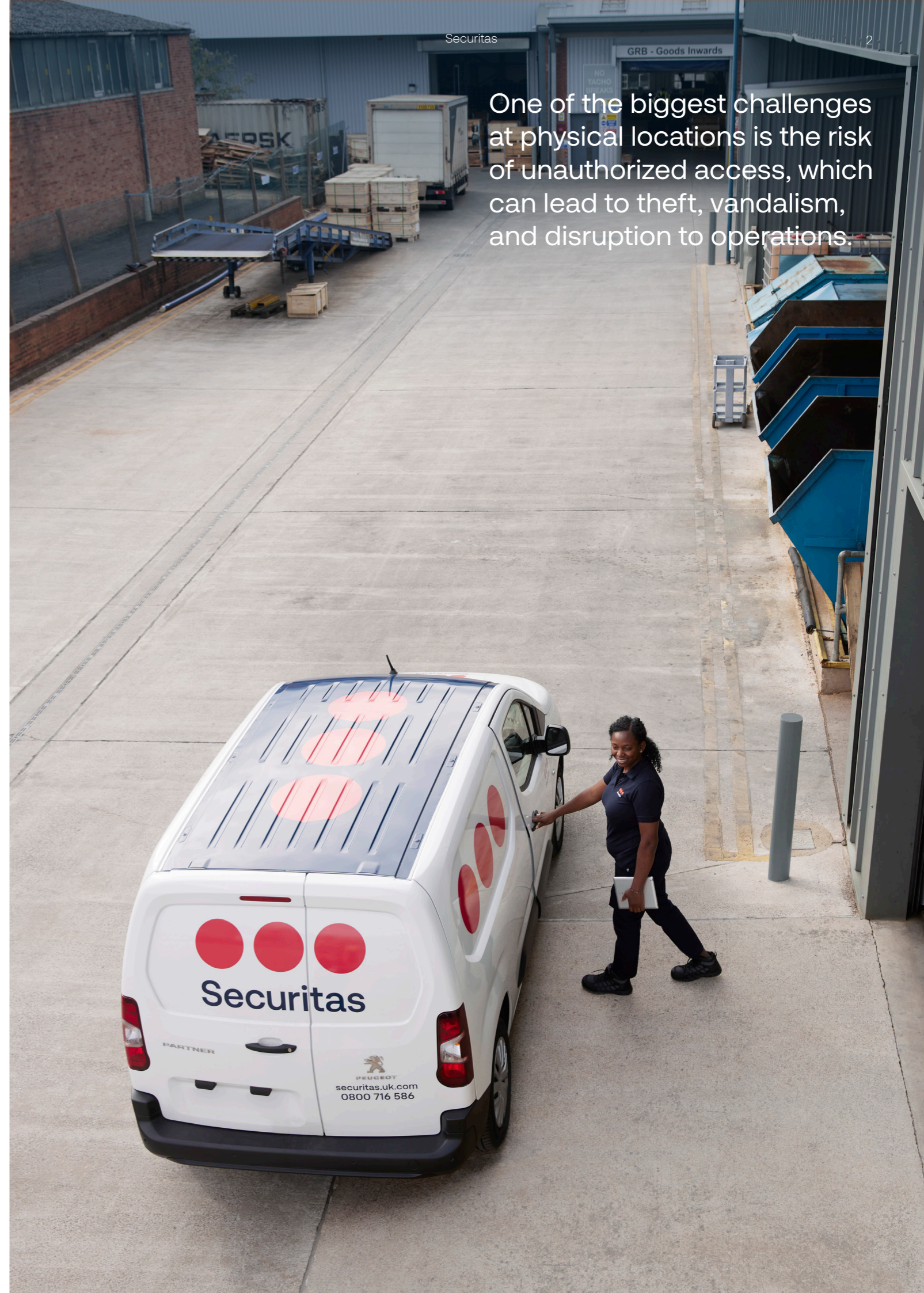
OPTIMIZING SECURITY ON-SITE WITH CONNECTED SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY

Video surveillance, intrusion detection systems, and access control are some of the key ways to use technology to an advantage. Video surveillance and intrusion detection provides alerts

from unauthorized access attempts and perimeter breaches. Moreover, these systems have a preventive effect, as the visible presence of intrusion detection alarms and video surveillance can, in some instances, be enough to deter unwanted guests. Access control systems including access cards or card readers can be used to determine which employees should have access to specific areas of the location.

By connecting these technical solutions to a control center – the Securitas Operations Center (SOC) – businesses can access monitoring around the clock. The SOC oversees video surveillance, responds to alarms, and coordinates with mobile guards or patrols and law enforcement agencies. Operators also conduct virtual patrols of the location using images from video surveillance.

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TECHNOLOGY ENHANCED WITH HUMAN PRESENCE

Whilst technology can provide seamless 24/7 surveillance and monitoring, security can be further strengthened by patrol, or on-site security officers. Patrols can conduct regular rounds and quickly respond to any incidents. They can also perform valuable tasks such as checking that doors are locked during their rounds. On-site guards can also be assigned to locations, providing constant presence, which can deter unwanted guests. On-site presence can also help can address security issues immediately.

PROTECTING EMPLOYEES AT PHYSICAL LOCATIONS

In addition to securing locations against break-ins and theft, businesses should also consider how to ensure employee safety. Employees at distribution

centers face risks of injury, such as in cases of fire, falls, and machinery accidents. An important consideration is to protect employees with fire safety measures as well as first aid equipment and training.

FIRE SAFETY AND FIRST AID

One of the primary risks in any business is fire. Fires can occur due to various reasons, including electrical faults, improper handling of materials, or even incorrect storage of flammable materials. As well as clear evacuation plans to ensure employees are well prepared in case of emergencies, an appropriate fire safety solution can reduce fire risks.

To ensure your employees' safety, you might consider having first aid equipment readily available in the workplace, for instance, AEDs

(Automated external defibrillator) should also be mounted in a visible location, making it easily accessible in an emergency. First aid training can ensure employees are comfortable in using equipment.

SECURING FACILITIES WITH A 360-DEGREE SOLUTION

Securing logistics business typically requires a 360-degree solution that encompasses physical locations, vehicles, and employees in various parts of the company. At Securitas, we have security solutions to help keep supply chains moving, end-to-end.

CASE STUDY

Security provision at new truck terminal for leading logistics business

A leading logistics company needed to secure their new truck terminal, focusing on perimeter protection and access control. Previously, they used the same security measures for both trailers and the terminal, which left the hub open to intrusions.

To address this, they implemented an advanced video surveillance system that greatly improved security across the facility. This system, combined with an access control solution, ensures that only authorized personnel can enter specific areas. This setup helps reduce both insider and external threats and supports compliance.

As a result, the terminal met the security needs of the company's existing customers and allowed them to promote themselves as a modern carrier with cutting-edge security.

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