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Access control

Physical access control can take several forms, but the basic idea is to create barriers to prevent unauthorized people from entering a physical space.

In other words, physical access control ensures that only those who are allowed to enter an area can enter it.

In the modern era, physical access is controlled via a physical access control system, i.e., software and hardware designed to work in combination with electronic door locks and authorization guidelines. These systems translate an organization's guidelines about who has access to what (e.g., rooms, equipment, vaults, storage areas, etc.) into verification that locks and unlocks access.

Such a system will contain a database of different access levels and lists of which people belong to those access levels. It will control the locking mechanisms on various doors and barriers following the access level of the person providing credentials.

The beauty of access control systems - as opposed to issuing actual keys to open physical locks - is the ability to designate which credentials can open which doors, and to turn off access at a moment's notice.

It is far too easy for a physical key to be lost or stolen, requiring physical door lock changes that are quite costly.



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