

Essential Tips from CCTV Experts to  
Protect What Matters Most

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Your Security and Connectivity are Our Priority

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## ■ Introduction

At **Checkway Electrotech**, your security and connectivity are our priority. In this guide, we'll walk you through the **top 7 costly mistakes** homeowners, business owners, and property managers make when installing CCTV and network security systems — and **how to fix them**. By avoiding these errors, you'll save money, increase protection, and make smarter security decisions.

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## ● Mistake #1: Choosing the Cheapest Camera

Many people think all cameras are the same. But cheaper cameras often mean lower resolution, limited night vision, and poor durability.

✓ **Fix:** Choose a camera based on your specific needs—resolution, field of view, and reliability in your environment. For most applications, we recommend at least 1080p Full HD cameras with infrared night vision.

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## ● Mistake #2: Poor Camera Placement

Mounting cameras too high or low, or in the wrong angle, creates blind spots and fails to capture faces or license plates clearly.

✅ **Fix:** Perform a walkthrough and identify high-risk areas like entry/exit points, garages, and dark corners. Install cameras at eye level where needed, and test viewing angles.

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### ● **Mistake #3: Ignoring Lighting Conditions**

A common mistake is placing cameras facing bright lights or direct sunlight. This causes overexposure and washes out footage.

✅ **Fix:** Place cameras under shades or away from direct lighting. Choose cameras with **wide dynamic range (WDR)** or **infrared** for low-light performance.

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### ● **Mistake #4: Not Securing the Recorder**

Leaving your NVR or DVR in plain sight makes it vulnerable to theft or tampering, especially during a break-in.

✅ **Fix:** Keep your recording device in a secure, locked location. Use cloud backup or remote access to preserve footage even if the unit is damaged.

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### ● **Mistake #5: Skipping Remote Access Setup**

Some users never set up remote viewing, losing out on real-time alerts and the convenience of monitoring their property from anywhere.

✅ **Fix:** Use mobile apps or web access to connect to your cameras. Our team can help set up a secure connection to view live or recorded footage from your phone or laptop.

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## ● Mistake #6: No Power Backup Plan

A power outage can take down your entire system — leaving you blind when you need it most.

✅ **Fix:** Install an **uninterruptible power supply (UPS)** or battery backup for your NVR/DVR and cameras. Choose CCTV-compatible UPS systems to keep everything running for at least 1-2 hours during outages.

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## ● Mistake #7: No Maintenance or Testing

Even high-end CCTV systems can fail if not tested. Dust, spiders, weather, or connection issues can degrade quality over time.

✅ **Fix:** Schedule a quarterly check-up. Clean camera lenses, test recordings, and make sure all systems are online. We offer maintenance plans to keep your system working 24/7.

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## 🎯 Bonus Tips

- Prepare a **floor plan** in advance to design ideal coverage.
  - Use a **mix of fixed and PTZ (Pan-Tilt-Zoom)** cameras for flexibility.
  - Avoid camera placements that invade neighbors' privacy to stay compliant.
  - Train family or staff on how to use the system — including emergency protocols.
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## 🔧 About Checkway Electrotech

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From **site survey to installation** and **after-sales support**, we handle it all.

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