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We have been installing many makes of Access Control Systems.

Softcon systems is the one we have installed the most of. We are currently doing quite a large Softcon installation at Madupi Power Station for Escom. This system at Madupi has grown exponentially as the development of the site has rolled out.

We have also had informal training on CCure and we are scheduled to go on a certification course.

Most Access Control systems have very intricate reporting systems. At this level the good systems are separated from the less good.

The security applied on the systems is rigorous and this is to be understood as this is actually the gate keeper to the premises as a whole and then individual entry points within the structure.

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The controlling PC should be a very secure area and have a total backup system being a mirror image of the primary machine. The access to the PC's applications should have strong passwords and these should be changed often.

At the actual entry and exit points, be that turnstiles, booms or doors the readers, scanners or keypads need to be places at functional places and at the same time be aesthetically presentable.

The controllers installed at each entry point should be configured to service that point. The power to the controllers should be supplied by a UPS the same as the Controlling PC.

The variations from the normal installations includes anti-passback, mantraps, specific delays and hierarchy access rules.