

Safe Busters!™

Stealthy Entertainment for Would-be Burglars

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DESCRIPTION. Safe Busters presents the burglar with a combination dial on a locked safe. The burglar is attempting to guess the three-number combination to open the safe. Fortunately, the burglar has an electronic “sniffer” which tells when the guess is within 10 and within 5 of the tumbler number. The burglar can either turn the combination lock with his arrow keys, or he can enter the number of his guess in on his keypad. Feedback prompts are also displayed to guide the burglar in his mission. If he takes too long, the alarm will sound. If he makes mistakes, the alarm will sound. The safe’s combination changes after each attempt.

Each burglar starts out with \$2500. Each attempt to open the safe costs \$500, which is deposited in the safe. If the safe is opened, the contents of the safe is equal to a “seed” amount plus all the \$500 deposits made by other burglars since the safe was last cracked. An individual burglar can only crack the safe once per day, and can attempt to crack it no more than five times daily.

The best burglars have their handles (names if handles are not allowed on the system) and scores listed on the Top 10 score list.

REQUIREMENTS. This is a plug-in application created specifically for the Excalibur BBS for Windows. Any system correctly operating Excalibur will be able to use this application.

INSTALLATION. This application is a *client-server* plug-in, which means (1) that all files must be placed in the sysop’s main Excalibur software directory with Camelot, and (2) the caller must allow Safe Busters to download and install itself prior to use. You may put the documentation wherever you like for reference. You must install a security key for continuous registered operation.

OPERATION. To run Safe Busters, the sysop must create an ACTION on an event timer or hotspot/button to run the plug-in. The command line will be SAFEHOST.DLL, and the second text box should be left blank. If you are unfamiliar with installing and operating Excalibur plug-ins, please refer to your Merlin help file. When Safe Busters runs, it will send two DLL files to the caller’s machine.

You should next add the following lines to your VRSOFTWR.INI file:

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[Safe Busters]
SCOREPATH=h:\excal\
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Safe Busters will create its score data file in this directory. To start the scoring over, simply delete the safe.dat file in this directory.

USING UNREGISTERED SAFE BUSTERS. Safe Busters is fully-operational upon initial release, but eventually times-out to a restricted demo mode. This demo mode allows the software to be run for evaluation purposes by users 0-10 only.

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TECHNICAL SUPPORT. Everything you need to know you already know or can learn pretty easily from your Excalibur documentation. Safe Buster's greatest strength is that it uses BBS functions you're probably already familiar with. We can't teach you how to use your BBS software, but you can always write us at the e-mail address above or call our BBS if you get stuck – we'll be glad to help you.

FINAL WORDS. We enjoy a special relationship with our friends and neighbors in the Excalibur community, and are pleased to be able to support you with the easiest, best, most trouble-free software and service available in the industry. Thank you for your continued selection of VR Software Labs products, which supports us in return.

Thank you all, we appreciate every one of you!

Joe Adamson,
"Sysop Lemming"

Ken Adamson,
"Sidekick Lemming"

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TIP #1: *If the animated graphics are too slow on your machine, use the number pad to enter in your guesses. Be sure your guesses go the right direction (99-1, 1-99 then 99-1 again)!*

OTHER VR SOFTWARE ENTERTAINMENT SELECTIONS:

RollAway – The mystery point dice game! Players are assigned a number (“point”), and are asked to roll two dice, adding the rolls together. Trouble is, they aren’t told what the number is, *exactly*. Instead, they’re given a goal *near* the point, and allowed to come with a given range of the actual number. Players bet on their success. Easy to learn, yet addicting. Great for all ages.

Super Lemming Progressive Slots – A fully-animated multi-media slot machine. Plays with 1-5 coins for variable jackpots. Joystick enabled, MIDI music, digital sound effects from real slot machines complete the illusion of fast slots action. Multi-user systems also benefit from “progressive” jackpot play, where all jackpots increase every second that machines are in play, and master jackpot can be won by any player.

***TIP #2:** If you’re turning the dial with the arrow keys and go past the number you want, continue to spin the knob past zero and back around to the number you want to choose.*

Super Retro-Roids – Our version of the classic arcade game. Thumping original MIDI soundtrack, digital sound effects and fully-animated arcade action make this a sure-fire winner. Even the help file’s fun!

ZEN – Random quotes display, allows everything from horoscopes to fortune cookies. Comes with samples, or use your own!

ScRaMbLeD – Another classic favorite, with a twist. A word appears, its letters scrambled: can you unscramble them and guess the word? You’ve only got seconds, so think fast! Includes 8,000 word vocabulary list of 5-letter words, a novice “sampler” and more!

VR SOFTWARE SELECTIONS:

Jerk Alert – Check for unwanted or offensive names, and take appropriate action. Solve problems with your callers when they first gain access and avoid big problems with them and other visitors later. Highly recommended.

Prelude Pro /32 – Unbelievable 32-bit digital sound! Up to CD-quality stereo music. Plays MOD, S3M, MTM, STM, M15, LT and other MOD formats. Includes 32-bit and 16-bit clients for optimum operation fitting each caller’s needs.

Launch Pad – The backbone of hundreds of serious Excalibur systems. The “Swiss Army Knife” of plugins, it plays music and sounds, sends files, opens word processors, delivers software, launches games, starts programs, prints on the caller’s machine, makes Internet access a one-click menu item... it literally has thousands of uses, and is ridiculously easy to use.

Extra! – Build a scrolling text box right into your Excalibur screen. Set your text color, your background color, and size the borders like you would any other rectangle. Absolutely wonderful for bulletins or news displays!

Come visit us for other fine software selections like *Event Calendar, Caller Notes, AFCP, MessageBox, Real Times Publisher Pro, Sherlock, Quotes* and more! Read the new *RoundTable* newszine for information about Excalibur happenings, tips and development.

***Tip #3:** The sniffer tells you when you’re within 10 and within 5. If you’re within 10, your next guess should be at least 6 numbers less (otherwise you’d be within 5). Shhhh! Don’t tell anyone!*