

- Lock the door immediately after the suspect leaves.
- Try to get the description of transportation, license plate and direction of travel, if safe to do so.
- Protect the crime scene.
- Cooperate fully with law enforcement and prosecutors. Your help is crucial!

## **PREVENT CRIMES**

**SEE IT!**

**HEAR IT!**

**REPORT IT!**

**CRIME PREVENTION IS  
EVERYONE'S BUSINESS**



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**Most companies lose between 1 to 15% of gross sales volume to crime. Crime follows the path of least resistance. In protecting your business from robbery, it is important to remember to take preventive measures and make it obvious that those measures have been taken. If you are a victim of any crime, prosecute the offender. The word will get out that you are not an easy target and future perpetrators will look for the easy and lenient target.**

### **REDUCE YOUR RISK**

- Be wary of people asking for directions or handing out fliers.
- Avoid placing signs or displays near windows which block visibility from the street.
- Use double cylinder dead bolt locks, doors of solid construction, security glaze windows, perimeter lighting and alarm systems.
- Advertise your security alarm system with signs in visible locations. Make sure your employees know how to operate a panic button if one is included in your alarm system.

- Be aware of your surroundings when walking to or from your workplace.
- Never leave valuable objects out where they can be seen through a window or outside in plain view. Store valuables, tools and equipment out-of-sight. Don't put your valuables on display!
- Keep unused doors locked.

### **BE AWARE!**

- Make an effort to meet neighboring businesses. Learn to look out for each other's interests. Know who "belongs".
- Know your employees vehicles. Report suspicious vehicles to the police department immediately.
- Check identification of any stranger or any delivery or repair person that wants to enter a restricted area or move equipment.

If you arrive at your workplace and find a door ajar, a window open or screen cut, **DO NOT ENTER**, go to a safe place to call the police immediately

### **OPERATION ID**

- Using an electric engraver, etch your driver's license number

(preceded by the letters "CA") on electronics, tools and other valuable items.

- Video tape the interior of your business, including electronics, tools and other valuables.
- Document the date and place of purchase, cost, serial number, and any other identifying information. Keep an up-to-date record of the inventory.

### **IF A ROBBERY OCCURS:**

- Don't resist or question the criminal.
- Obey instructions.
- Be inconspicuous but observe the suspect for a later description.
- Set off the alarm but only if it is safe to do so.
- Do not risk injury to yourself or your customers. **COMPLY WITH ALL DEMANDS.**

### **AFTER A ROBBERY:**

- Notify the police immediately.