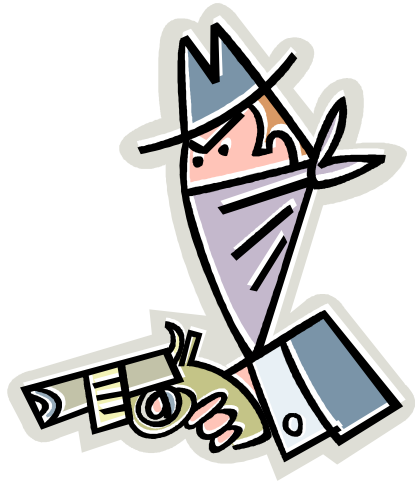


# Robbery Prevention

## Personal Safety:

- Cooperate
- Don't Volunteer
- Don't Panic
- Keep Calm
- Don't Use a Weapon
- Don't Surprise or Startle Offender
- Be a Good Witness



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## How to Prevent Being Robbed:

1. Take large posters or advertisements out of windows so the inside is visible.
2. Check surveillance equipment and security alarms regularly.
  - Check DATES and TIMES for accuracy.
  - Make sure they are properly maintained.
3. Be alert of suspicious persons/customers in the store or surrounding area.
  - Do not hesitate to call Police.
3. Never allow large amounts of money to accumulate in cash drawer/register.
4. Don't count large sums of money in front of customers.
5. Advise customers to put loose currency out of sight prior to leaving business.
6. Use "Bait Money" or have serial numbers of some bills recorded for evidence.
7. Never re-open your premises for anyone after you have closed.

## What to do During a Robbery:

1. Remain calm.
  - Take a second to gain your composure and assess the situation.
2. Obey commands.
  - Do exactly as you are told.
3. Activate the alarm when it's safe to do so.
4. Give robber time to leave.
  - Do not run after or fight with the robber.
5. BE A GOOD WITNESS.
6. If shooting starts:
  - Drop to ground and take cover.
7. Hostage situations:
  - Do exactly as you are told, cooperate with your captors and STAY CALM.



## What to do After a Robbery:

1. Check for injuries.
  - Render first-aid to the wounded.
2. Call the Police!
3. Keep all witnesses inside the building.
4. Do not allow anyone but the Police inside the building.
5. Make sure nobody touches anything the suspect touched.
6. Prevent employees/customers from discussing the robbery among themselves.
7. Cooperate with Police.
8. When interviewed by Police:
  - Tell them only what YOU know.
  - Keep it as factual as possible.
9. Testify in court.