



Tips on Robbery Prevention

What you can do to reduce the risk of being robbed and how best to survive if you are.

Take the Initiative

You have a responsibility to yourself, your family, co-workers, and customers to ensure your workplace is safe and secure. In many jurisdictions, robbery is the third leading cause of injury in the workplace, and the leading cause of death.

Report suspicious circumstances to the police.

It's far better to have the police attend before a problem arises. Preventing a robbery from happening makes a lot more sense than spending our tax dollars on the associated costs and losses.

Be prepared.

Training before a robbery occurs will assist you to survive. You will also recover from the traumatic stress of a robbery more quickly.

Be a good neighbor.

Communicate with neighboring businesses. You are part of a large community. By working together we can keep each other safe. Criminal activity in your community affects everyone.

What Else Should I Know?

Crime prevention doesn't cost; it pays. There are no guarantees you will never be robbed. You will diminish your risks by implementing the strategies in this fact sheet.

The risks of doing nothing are high.

Just like any business strategy, you must implement and evaluate your plan frequently. The Anchorage Police Department provides free safety checks that will instruct your home or company concerning safety tips that are appropriate to your circumstances.

If a robbery occurs call **Victims for Justice** at 278-0977 to help debrief and to validate employees' feelings. Providing a debriefing will help employees regain their sense of safety after this traumatic event. The employees will be grateful that the company supports their fears.