



After a Robbery

- Call the Police - 9-1-1.
- Don't chase the robber.
- Lock the entry door and other access points.
- Care for any injured people.
- Preserve evidence—keep the crime scene intact. Avoid touching places where the robbers may have left fingerprints, footprints, or other evidence.
- Ask all witnesses to stay until the police arrive.
- Do not discuss the robbery or “compare notes” with others. Immediately after the incident, write down the pertinent details you observed and heard so they will not be forgotten, such as:
 - height
 - weight
 - colour of hair and eyes
 - ethnicity
 - clothing
 - weapons
 - mannerisms
 - scars, tattoos, accent etc.



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Armed Robbery Prevention



What is Robbery?

A robbery occurs when someone steals or attempts to steal something from a person, using violence or threats of violence.

The violence does not need to be excessive. If the robber indicates possession of a weapon, real or perceived, then a robbery is being committed.

During a robbery, the person being stolen from is confronted by the thief. If a confrontation does not take place, the incident can be deemed a theft. For example, if a suspect breaks into a business establishment after hours to steal items, then they are committing a break and enter as well as theft. If the suspect breaks into a store, confronts the customers or employees, and then steals from them, they are committing a robbery.



Prevention

- Keep the front, rear, and interior of your business well lit.
- Do not cover the windows and doors with posters that could block visibility from the street.
- Always keep the rear and side doors locked.
- If your business is high risk for robbery, consider getting a bullet-proof cashier screen.
- Keep "bait money" in a compartment of the cash register. The bills should be separated by face value and the serial numbers recorded so that the details can be given to the police if your business is robbed. Keep minimal cash in the drawer.
- Do not make bank deposits at the same time every day. Vary them so that no one can predict your schedule.
- If you do not already have one, install a security alarm and consider getting one with a panic button. Advertise that you have an alarm with clearly visible stickers. Make sure your employees know how and when to use the panic button.

During a Robbery

PERSONAL SAFETY ALWAYS COMES FIRST!

Remain calm

Above all, do not do anything that could jeopardize your personal safety! If the robber displays a firearm, consider it to be loaded. If the robber implies he has a weapon, believe it. Co-operate with the robber. You may be deprived of money or property, but you could save your life and the lives of those around you.

Do not resist

Co-operate with the robber, but do not volunteer to do anything other than what is asked of you. If the robber asks for your wallet or the money in the cash drawer, give it up. Don't offer information about money or valuables that may be stored in another location.

Explain your movements

If you must put your hands in your pockets, reach under a counter for a key or a bag, or make any other movement that the robber might question, explain what you are doing and why before you do it.

Carefully observe the physical characteristics of the robber

If more than one robber is involved, study the one closest to you. Don't try to observe all of them in detail.

Note the type of weapon used

Did the robber use a knife, a gun, a rifle, or a pistol?

Silent Alarm

If you have a silent alarm and can activate it without being noticed, do so. Otherwise, wait until the robber has left.

Note Direction & Mode of Travel

Observe which way the robber is headed and whether they are traveling on foot or by car (note licence plate numbers and vehicle descriptions if at all possible).

**DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO REDUCE THE
LIKELIHOOD OF PERSONAL HARM
CASH CAN BE RECOVERED - A LIFE CANNOT**

