

Robbery Prevention and After Care

The Savannah Police Department is dedicated to the safety of our citizens and business. This brochure is dedicated to the businesses in Chatham County in the event of a robbery or robbery attempt. Also, this will help guide the employees and business owners in the aspect of robbery prevention, and after care of the incident.

For an on-site business Security Survey, contact your perspective precinct and ask to speak to the local Neighborhood Resource Officer (NRO).



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Robbery Office: 912.651.6694

SPD Tip Line: 912.525.3124

Crime Stoppers Tip line:

912.234.2020

Northwest Precinct: 912.651.6990

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Commercial Robbery Prevention



Savannah Police Department Robbery Unit





After Care of an Incident

- Close the store and lock the doors.
- Call 911!! Stay on the line with the 911 operator.
- Don't touch anything the robber may have touched.
- Ask witnesses to stay until the police arrive.
- Step outside only after the police have arrived.
- Call your business owner, manager, or other designated person.
- Do not discuss the amount of money taken with anyone other than the police

TIPS

- Keep front doors and windows clear of signs and posters to allow for two-way visibility. Trim landscaping to ensure employees can see outside the business and customers can see inside the business.
- Keep the outside of your business well-lit at night. Ensure there is sufficient lighting all the way around the property, including any rear or side alleyways.
- Install video surveillance and make its existence well known to customers. Use cameras or mirrors to observe all areas of the store and try to avoid "blind spots." The equipment should allow for a 360-degree view of the exterior.
- Place a surveillance camera behind the cash register and facing the front counter.
- Maintain a clean environment – it's good for business and uncomfortable for robbers.
- Post signs indicating "limited cash on hand."
- Greet everyone. Be alert for customers who seem to be loitering or glancing around the store without a clear purpose.

TIPS

- Keep cashier area locked.
- Clean the doors and counters periodically during a shift.
- If you see someone who is acting suspicious inside or outside, call the police to investigate. NEVER allow individuals to wear ski masks or other clothing that covers their faces. Ask customers who are wearing sunglasses inside your store at night to remove them.
- Keep side and back doors locked. Have employees use the main entrance, if possible.
- Place markers at the entrance that employees can use to help gauge the height of a robber as he leaves.
- Make bank deposits as often as possible, but never less than once a day.
- Have a panic or hold-up alarm installed in your business.
- Ensure the video camera is set to the correct date and time, the system is functioning properly, and store managers are familiar with how to operate it.