



# Topic: Workplace Robberies

*Robberies can occur almost anywhere at anytime, but tend to occur more often in anticipated settings and at expected times. All that is necessary is a motivated robber and an unwilling victim at the wrong place at the wrong time.*

Robberies can occur in private or public spaces. Robbers and their victims can be friends, relatives, or total strangers. Most robberies involve one robber and one victim and the crime from start to finish lasts less than a minute. Most commercial robbery victims are not injured during the transaction as long as long as they don't resist.

## **Workplace Robbery Safety Tips:**

- +** All sales check-out personnel should receive training in proper handling of potential robbery situations:
- +** Emphasis should be placed on keeping small amounts of cash in registers.
- +** Instruction should be given to hand over the monies when confronted by robbery suspect.
- +** Never attempt to confront robbery suspects.
- +** Management should establish security procedures for making bank deposits such as:
- +** Bank deposit times should be staggered to avoid predictable patterns. Armored car service should be utilized when practical.
- +** Nighttime employees should be encouraged to leave in small groups to get to personal vehicles.
- +** Employee vehicles should be parked in areas with good lighting and as close to the building as possible.
- +** At the completion of regular store hours, all doors should be closed and locked immediately.
- +** All doors should be equipped with double cylinder dead bolt locks.

