PROCEDURES DURING THE ROBBERY

REMAIN CALM. Do exactly what the robber asks, no more or no less. Explain any movements or actions you make to the robber before you make them, so as not to cause panic.

ACTIVATE ALARM SYSTEM WHEN SAFE TO DO SO. Use bait money, dye packs and “trip switches” as available in your facility.

DO NOT STALL OR ATTEMPT TO APPREHEND THE ROBBER(S). The sooner the robbers get what they came for, the sooner they leave your business. We do not want a hero in exchange for a human life. Money can be replaced - YOU cannot!

POST-ROBBERY PROCEDURES

NOTIFICATION. As soon as possible, but only when safe to do so, notify local law enforcement by dialing 9-1-1, and then your business manager, confirming that a robbery has occurred. Stay on the line with the 9-1-1 operator until they release you.

PRESERVATION. Secure the area where the robbery occurred. Close and lock all customers and employees away from any physical evidence the robbers may have left behind: note, money, bag, clothing, fingerprints, and footprints.

OBSERVATION. Have all employees record what they observed during the robbery. Hand out Suspect ID Charts to everyone in the business. Try to keep customers in the business until the police arrives. If not, get name/address/telephone number before the customer leaves.

IMPORTANT - Do not permit witnesses to discuss their observations among themselves, but have them write down what they themselves remember about the robbery.

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There are few crimes that are more frightening and potentially dangerous than ROBBERY. Customers and employees alike can become victims.

OBJECTIVES OF ROBBERY AWARENESS TRAINING

♦ Prevent robbery.
♦ Prevent injury or death to customers, employees, and law enforcement if a robbery should occur.
♦ Get robber out of the business as soon as possible.
♦ Aid law enforcement in identification of the robbers.

Keep these four objectives in mind at all times, especially the first objective!

This brochure will give you a working knowledge of what is required to help reduce the chance of a robbery to your business facility. As in any crime prevention program, we cannot control all the factors involved in criminal activity, thus ensuring that your business will never be robbed. But we can influence, through education and training, your business’s susceptibility to a robbery and your employees’ reaction if the situation should occur.

WHAT DOES ROBBERY AWARENESS TRAINING INCLUDE?

1. Prevention Techniques
2. Procedures During the Robbery
3. Post-Robbery Procedures

COMMON WEAPON TYPES

LONG BARREL REVEROLVER
SNUB NOSE REVEROLVER
LARGE AUTOMATIC
SMALL AUTOMATIC
BOLT ACTION
LEVER
SAWED-OFF RIFLES
PUMP
AUTOMATIC
SINGLE SHOT

PREVENTION TECHNIQUES

1. Be alert for strangers and suspicious acting people in your business. Even an amateur will “case” a business prior to a robbery. If you suspect someone, do not hesitate to use the camera to take photographs of the suspicious subject. If the person poses a threat in any way, notify the branch manager, security officer, or call police. A false alarm is no problem as long as it is the result of alert employee action.

2. Know and strictly follow your business’s opening and closing procedures. Honest customers will appreciate your precautions and not insist on special attention. Know what is to be done when the opening/closing codes and routines are not followed. You should have emergency numbers within reach at all times, not just at your work station.

3. Know where alarm buttons are located. Practice reaching for alarms without detection so that during a real robbery you can activate the alarm secretly.

4. Keep robbery kits up-to-date. All employees should know where kits (if provided) are located and how to use them.