



Hawthorne Police Department

Community Affairs Bureau

Business Safety Tips



The safety and security of our businesses are a top priority for Hawthorne Police. Here are a few tips to help keep your business safe.



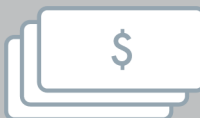
Keep windows free of obstructions. Avoid advertisements or large items that block your view out, or the public's view in. This makes it more difficult for the criminals to be hidden and helps the police see inside before entering the business in an emergency situation.



Cameras, both inside and outside are great deterrents for thieves. Check them regularly to make sure they are clean and working properly. Make sure employees know how to access the camera system for times when the owner isn't at the location.



Good lighting both inside and outside of your business tells your customers it is a safe place to patronize. They are more likely to come back and tell their friends if it is a pleasant experience. It also tells criminals it ISN'T a safe place for them. Lighting and cameras go hand in hand.



Limit the amount of cash in the cash register. Deposit large amounts in a safe or in a secured room. Be sure to have a way to check large bills for authenticity to avoid counterfeiters.



Depending on the type of business, proper signage such as no trespassing and no loitering go a long way with helping the police enforce those laws. Post them in clear and highly visible areas.



Have an alarm system with a panic button installed in easily accessible areas. Not all deterrents work so it is important to have a way to call the police during a robbery or other event requiring law enforcement.

EMERGENCY : 911

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