

What to Do After a Robbery

- Call law enforcement immediately, even if you have already activated an alarm.
- Close the store and lock the doors.
- Do not discuss the details of the robbery with witnesses or fellow employees.
- Ask any witnesses to stay until law enforcement arrives; if they can't, get their names, phone numbers, etc.
- Do not touch anything that the robber may have touched. Secure these areas.
- Try to recall as much as possible about the robber's appearance, speech, and mannerisms.
- Step outside the store when the police arrive so that they will know the robber is gone.
- Do not talk to the media, allow law enforcement to answer their inquiries.
- Do not discuss the amount of money taken with anyone other than law enforcement.

Important Suspect and Vehicle Information

Suspect Information:

- Age, Race, Sex, Height, Weight, Hair Color, Complexion, Scars, Marks, Tattoos, Clothing, etc.

Vehicle Information:

- Make, Model, Year, Color, License Plate Number, and any other Distinguishing Marks.

Mission Statement

The Kern County Sheriff's Office is committed to work in partnership with our community to enhance the safety, security, and quality of life for the residents and visitors of Kern County through professional public safety services.



Helpful Websites!

- National Crime Prevention Council - www.npc.org
- Kern County Sheriff's Department - www.kernsheriff.com

To contact the Kern County Sheriff's Office:

Emergency: **9-1-1**
Non-Emergency: **(661) 861-3110**
Non-Emergency Outlying Areas: **1-800-861-3110**
Sheriff's Report Desk (Bakersfield only): **(661)391-7471**
TEXT: **KERNSHERIFF** to **888777**

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ROBBERY SAFETY



TIPS ON HOW TO SURVIVE A ROBBERY

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Robbery Safety Tips

One of the scariest situations a citizen can experience is being robbed. Robberies are very dangerous situations and may lead to violence. Many suspects who commit robberies are desperate individuals who will use whatever force they need to successfully carry out their crime.

A robbery is a crime against a person in which force or fear is used by a suspect to take the person's property. Petty thefts and store burglaries often turn into a robbery when the victim attempts to stop the theft and the suspect uses force to escape with the property. A person being robbed should remember their primary goal is to survive the incident without being hurt. Follow these safety

Prevention at Work

- Keep the front of the store and the windows clear of signs and posters. Make sure employees can see out and customers can see in.
- Keep the outside of your business well lit.
- Keep your cash register area clearly visible to outside observers.
- Keep a minimum amount of cash in the register. Make regular cash drops into a safe.
- Advertise that no large bills are accepted and limited cash is on hand.
- Use video camera surveillance and post it throughout the business.
- Always have at least two clerks working at night.
- Vary your banking routine. Avoid using bank bags to carry money.
- Be alert for suspicious customers who loiter or browse for extended periods of time. If you notice suspicious persons outside the business, notify law enforcement.



- Check back rooms such as bathroom and storage areas when closing the business.

Prevention at Home

- Do not allow strangers into your home for any reason. Keep the door locked and call emergency services for them if they need help.
- Do not advertise that you live alone.
- When moving into a new home, change the existing locks.
- Keep your curtains and shades closed at night.
- Keep outdoor lights on at night.
- Never give information to an unknown caller. Report nuisance calls to law enforcement.
- Keep your doors and windows locked if possible.
- If you arrive home and things appear to be out of place, don't go in. Leave and call law enforcement.
- Write down license numbers of suspicious vehicles and suspect descriptions to give to law enforcement if necessary.



Out And About

- Keep your car in gear, with the doors locked and the windows rolled up.
- Stay alert to your surroundings, especially at lights and intersections.
- Park in areas that will be well-lit when you return to your car.
- Use the "buddy system" - walk with friends or in a group.

- If you are being followed don't go home, drive to the nearest police department, store or business for help. Honk your horn until somebody notices you.
- Don't wear expensive looking jewelry or flaunt money.
- If someone tries to enter your car while you are stopped, drive away quickly.
- Avoid using ATMs at night. Use ATMs that are visible and well lit.
- Walk in open, well-lit areas. Avoid isolated areas.
- Avoid carrying a purse if you can.

What to do during a Robbery

- Try to stay calm. Don't make any sudden movements to upset the robber.
- Do exactly as you are told. **DO NOT RESIST!**
- Activate your alarm only if you can do so safely.
- Tell the robber about anything that might surprise him, such as an employee's arrival.
- If you have to move or reach, tell the robber what you are doing first.
- Try to get a good look at the robber without being obvious.
- Try to get a good description of the vehicle if you can do so safely.
- Note the robber's direction of travel.
- Don't be a hero. It's better to lose your money and property than your life.