Safety Tips for Businesses

The Long Beach Police Department wants to help keep your business and your employees safe. Here are a few safety tips to reduce your risk:

- Make sure your business is well-lit, both inside and outside.
- Empty the cash register before closing and leave the drawer open.
- Remove electronics, especially tablets and cell phones, and lock them in a secure location.
- Remove all advertisements and other large items from the windows to increase visibility.
- Install a video surveillance and/or alarm system and ensure the system is operational.
- Re-locate cash registers and display shelves so the cashier has a clear view of the front door and the entire store. The cashier should also have a clear view of the parking area to observe any activity that is occurring outside the store.
- Place the register area away from the door.
- Encourage employees to make eye contact with and verbally acknowledge every customer who enters the business.
- If possible, have a minimum of two employees on duty at the same time during all hours of operation.
- Install a fish-eye viewer in the door where deliveries are made and in all interior office doors.
- All office doors should be solid core material with dead bolt locking mechanisms.
- Train your employees. Pose various “what to do in case of” scenarios so they know what to do and how to stay safe.
- Post “No Loitering” signs on the property.
- Ensure your address is clearly posted on the front and back of your business.

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