



# Sumter Police Department

## Business Robbery Prevention

Whether you own or work in a local business, corporate office or financial institution, it is in everyone's interest to work towards a safer more profitable business community. The safety of our local businesses and their patrons is of paramount concern to the Sumter Police Department and we offer you the following robbery prevention tips:

- Greet everyone who enters your business - Personal contact can deter crime
- Place cash register in plain view near the front of the store
- Be alert to suspicious persons or vehicles hanging around your business
- Immediately report any suspicious activity to the police by calling (803) 436-2700 or 911 for emergencies
- Be sure you have adequate lighting both inside and outside of your business
- Install security cameras which not only serve as a robbery deterrent but also help identify suspects in the event you are robbed
- Remove posters and signs from storefront windows. This will allow for a clear line of sight both into and out of the store
- Place height strips on all doors to aid in suspect description
- Post and enforce a "No Loitering" sign
- Fence, impede or reduce exterior escape routes to deter would be criminals who are on foot
- If you are ever the victim of a robbery, comply and remain observant so you are able to give police a detailed description of the suspect
- Get involved with or start a Business Watch Program in your area
- Schedule a Business Security Analysis through the department's Crime Prevention Unit by calling (803) 436-2723

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**Protecting life and property. Preserving peace and order.**