

How To Protect Your Business and Recommendations on Personal Safety

- Businesses are strongly urged to make daily deposits in a local financial institution and restrict the amount of cash they have on hand.
- Businesses are strongly urged not to take daily proceeds from the business home with them.
- Businesses are reminded to take all the money out of each cash register at the end of business hours and leave the empty drawer open.
- Business owners are reminded to empty tip jars at the end of business hours.
- Business owners should remain aware of their surroundings at work and while in transit to and from work.
- When possible employees should be in pairs when conducting activities outside of business (taking out trash, bank deposits, etc.).
- When you take out the trash, do it during daylight hours.
- Do not leave back doors opened or unlocked.
- Remain vigilant and always be aware, someone may be following you.
- Pay attention to cars, people, etc., in an attempt to identify anyone who may be following you.
- If you feel you are being followed, you can call 911 or pull into a well lit/populated area.
- Leave your front house lights on before you go to work.
- When you arrive home, check the area around your house and make sure the lights are still on.
- If you feel anything is out of place, keep driving and call 911.
- Install and use a drop safe. Limit the amount of cash in the register and post signs indicating that a drop safe is used and register only has limited cash .
- Get to know the people operating the neighboring businesses.
- Install lighting at the front and back as well as near any side doors of your business. Try to eliminate as many shadows as possible.
- Contact the police department to conduct a free security survey of your business.
- Invest in a good security system with an audible alarm.
- Business owners and employees are reminded to activate the security system when the business is closed.
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- Invest in a good video surveillance system and keep it on 24 hours a day.
- Organize a business watch (Business owners being aware and reporting any suspicious activity).
- Always park in visible, well-lighted areas.
- When you approach your parked vehicle, visually check the area around the vehicle for any suspicious person or activity. If you observe anything suspicious walk to where there are people and call the police.
- If someone approaches your vehicle and attempts to enter, blow your horn to attract attention and drive away.
- Do not open your window if someone approaches your vehicle to ask for directions, the time, etc. Keep the door locked.
- Take different routes home if possible, paying close attention to your surroundings.
- Have lights at all entrances.
- If you carry a purse, carry it close to your body, preferably in front. Carry no more money than you absolutely need.
- Report suspicious behavior to law enforcement immediately, even if it means taking a chance on being wrong.

Emergency #: 911
Non-Emergency #: 630-0500



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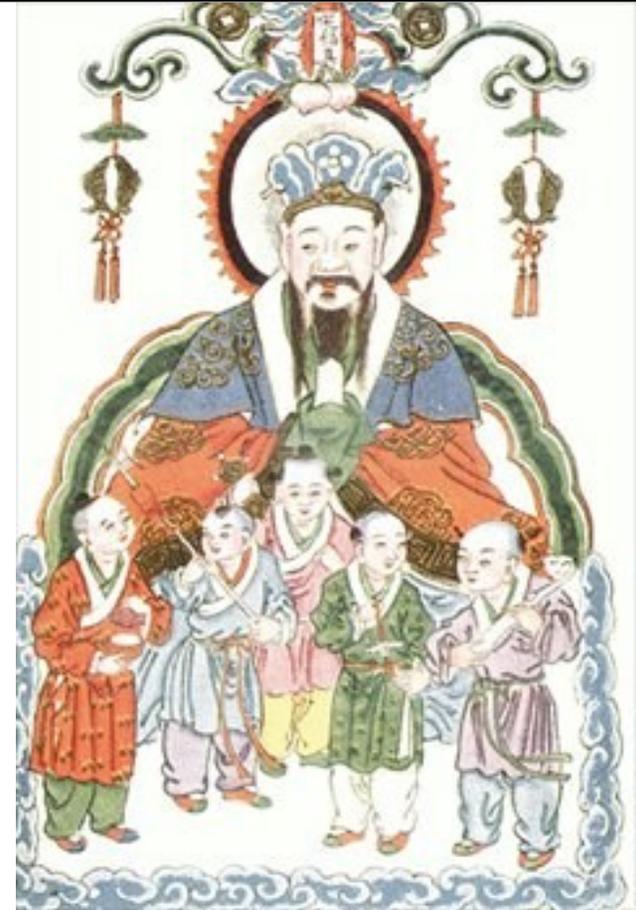
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Call 9-1-1 for emergencies and
(904) 630-0500 for non-emergencies.

Assist the police with information when crime
occurs. You might be helping others not
become victims.

