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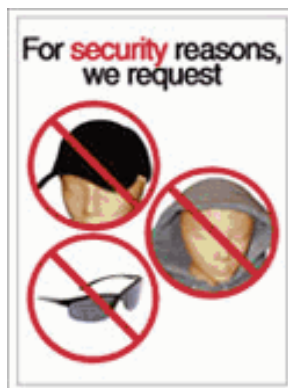
PREVENTING ROBBERY, VIOLENCE AND THEFT

In many retail businesses, front-line employees are at risk from violent incidents on a daily basis. There are several reasons for this. In most operations, the public has free and easy access to the store and employees frequently need to deal with people they don't know. In addition, retail businesses typically keep cash on hand, display tempting merchandise, remain open for extended hours, and employ large numbers of young workers.

The following are key risks for many retail businesses:

- robbery and assault
- shoplifting
- abusive and difficult customers
- unwelcome members of the public

Most employees want to do the best they can for their employers. When a potentially violent incident occurs, in the heat of the moment an employee may try to reduce the loss for the business and put themselves at risk. It is critical that employees understand that their safety is the first priority. There is no expectation for employees to be heroes. Money and merchandise can always be replaced; people can't.



Given the daily risks that many businesses face, retailers need specific plans for their stores to help protect employees and minimize the potential for violence. Retailers can reduce the potential for workplace violence through a combination of physical and procedural control measures, which include the following:

- careful store design
- use of security devices — general and personal
- employee education and training
- employee scheduling and procedures for working alone

The most effective combination of control measures (or controls, for short) will vary depending upon the type of retail store, location, and individual business practices.

Knowing what to do before, during and after an act of violence can make all the difference to your employees. For a full list of what to do before, during and after a robbery please visit:

<http://www.surrey.rcmp.ca/ViewPage.action?siteNodeId=119&languageId=1&contentId=9628>

Another valuable tool for employees and employers is the Preventing Robbery, Violence and Theft booklet available online from Work Safe BC. This 40-page booklet can be found at:

http://www.worksafebc.ca/publications/health_and_safety/by_topic/assets/pdf/preventing_violence.pdf

**SUMMER
COUNTERATTACK
BEGINS**

This July and August, police are stepping up roadchecks to catch impaired drivers. Even if you've had a couple of drinks, it's not OK to drive.

BC's tough new drinking and driving laws take effect this fall and harsher penalties will begin at .05 BAC. We're reminding everyone, before you take that first sip, make a smart choice: designate a driver, save money for a cab or take transit.

We are all ambassadors for the CounterAttack campaign, and can help to influence others by encouraging people to make smart choices. When you're celebrating or relaxing with friends, help to keep our roads safe and have an enjoyable summer.

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BUSINESS WATCH

This past month many new businesses have been providing us with their email addresses to start receiving this newsletter. WELCOME! Please take the time to fill out the Business Watch registration form to receive additional benefits from our office. If a problem with your email address occurs, you will be immediately removed from the distribution group, if a Business Watch registration form has not been completed and updated. For more information contact Carrie Chattell.



PREVENTION THROUGH COLLABORATION

TOP 10 REASONS PEOPLE GIVE FOR USING A CELL PHONE WHILE DRIVING

It has been five months since B.C. implemented the ban on using a hand-held cell phone while driving and police have issued more than 8,000 tickets. But despite the danger and the fine of \$167 and 3 points, people are still choosing to break the law.

The 10 top reasons are:

1. It was an urgent work call!

2. But I was stopped at a red light.

3. I was just checking my voice-mail - I didn't make a call.

4. Driver: But I have it on hands-free!

includes hand-held cell phones, iPods and other electronic hand-held devices."

5. But it was my mom calling!

6. I didn't know I'm not from here. I'm from Maple Ridge.

7. I drive better than most people – not like the ones that eat while driving.

8. I was just setting up my hands-free device.

9. But it's my first time. Can't I just get a warning?

10. It was my wife calling and I didn't dare ignore her.

Source http://icbc.com/about-ICBC/news_room



Police officer: Sir, it's not hands-free if it's in your hand. "Hands-free doesn't equal speakerphone. Under the new law, a driver cannot use a hand-held electronic communication device and this

