

## Cashier Security

Are the people who handle your money safe? Tough economic times sometimes lead people to do crazy things, like robbery. We need to protect every employee from this potential disaster. More and more scrap yards are installing ATMs to make robbery more difficult.

What precautions are you taking to make sure your money handlers are secure?

- Bullet proof glass?
- Cash drawers?
- Checks only?

Many operations pay only by check to reduce the cash on hand at any given time.

What about trips to the bank for deposits/withdrawals? Does the same person do this at the same time every day/week? Would it be easy for a potential thief to case this person over time and predict her routine? Mix these trips up in terms of day and time. Never send a person alone to the bank, especially after hours.

Autumn is here. The time will change soon for most of us. It will be dark at quitting time. If your lights are on a timer, does it need to be reset? Are there any dark corners where a criminal could hide on or near your property? If so, install or fix the lights.

It's not enough to say, "Our policy is to just give them the money." They may take more than money.

Here's a good rule of thumb: If it was your mother, or daughter, or niece handling that money would you do it the same way you're doing it now?

If not, change it.

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