

## Secure Your Business Against Crime

REMEMBER...crimes against businesses are usually crimes of opportunity. If you make it easy for someone to steal from you, chances are, someone will.

Make crime against your business risky and unrewarding.... Start a BUSINESS WATCH program.

Law enforcement agencies would rather work with you to PREVENT crimes than spend time apprehending the criminals!



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**Union County  
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Business Watch  
Program**



**Keep  
Criminals  
Out of  
Your Business**

# IS YOUR BUSINESS A TARGET FOR CRIME?

Union County Sheriff Deputies would like the opportunity to meet with you and discuss how you can better protect your business from being burglarized.

Please contact our Crime Prevention Specialist to arrange a meeting time that is convenient for you.

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We look forward to serving you.

## Take Protective Measures

- Secure locks on all windows
- Install quality dead bolts on all doors
- Avoid displaying quality goods in windows
- Install solid construction doors and tempered glass windows
- Brightly illuminate all entrances with vandal proof fixtures
- Leave empty cash register drawers open
- Trim shrubs and trees that can conceal persons away from windows and doors
- Secure ladders and tools that could aid in gaining entry
- Install an alarm and check it regularly for failure
- Make frequent bank deposits
- Be aware of suspicious persons
- Do not work alone
- Maintain "key control". Issue keys stamped "do not duplicate" and re-key or install new locks when an employee leaves
- Post shoplifting prosecution policy, use a secure check cashing system, request ID's with credit and debit cards and install surveillance cameras

**If you SEE something,  
SAY something!**

Take control of what happens in your business community and lessen your chances of becoming a victim.

Through BUSINESS WATCH, you will be making crimes against yourself and your fellow business neighbors as difficult as possible.

Business Owners working together can deter crime by:

- Communicating with each other and law enforcement.
- Sharing crime proofing methods.
- Reporting suspicious activity.
- Developing a telephone tree system to quickly share information regarding criminal activity.
- Developing signals to alert adjacent businesses when help is needed.
- Displaying BUSINESS WATCH signs.

