



**SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE**  
KEEPING SA SAFE

PREVENTING  
CRIME

## ARMED ROBBERY

Being proactive about crime prevention helps your business ensure the safety of your staff and customers. In the interest of preventing armed robberies, South Australia Police encourages you to consider these crime prevention tips:

- Be alert to people who are observing your business or are asking questions about how your business operates.
- Ensure all back and side doors and windows are kept secure.
- Keep money held at cash points to a workable minimum.
- Encourage electronic methods of payment rather than cash.
- Ensure safes are securely fixed to a floor, wall or similar solid object.
- Consider the installation of security devices.
- Make use of signage and stickers promoting security measures.
- Do not discuss cash holdings or movements of cash.
- Ensure staff are aware of security procedures and what to do in the event of an armed robbery.

### Staying safe

- Try to remain calm, assess the situation and obey the offender's instructions. The number one priority is staying safe.
- The offender may be anxious or drug affected, so avoid sudden actions and explain any movements.
- Speak only when spoken to as any conversation will prolong the incident.
- Note the offender/s conversation including accent, nicknames, indecent language or speech impediments.
- Make a mental note of their description, e.g. scars, tattoos, other prominent features and any weapons.
- Make note of any vehicle and observe the direction of travel taken by the offender/s when they leave.
- Avoid taking drastic action during an armed robbery. Do not chase the offender.
- Activate the alarm and call police as soon as possible, if it is safe to do so.
- **STAY CALM AND OBEY – DON'T BE A HERO.**

To receive an Armed Robbery Prevention Toolkit or for further business crime prevention information please visit [www.police.sa.gov.au](http://www.police.sa.gov.au) or contact your local police station.

South Australia Police (SAPOL) is committed to working in partnership with the community to prevent crime and reduce the fear of crime to ensure that South Australia is a safe place to live, visit and do business.

## BUSINESS SECURITY

