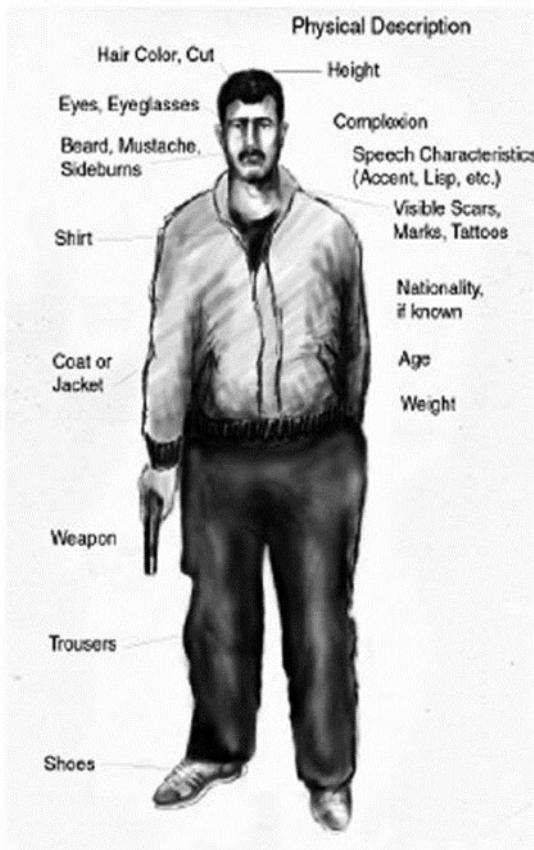


## Robbery Prevention Benefits

- \* Reduce incidents of robbery
- \* Makes a safer place to work and shop
- \* Enhance public and internal image
- \* Reduce employee turnover
- \* Enhance sales and profits
- \* Leadership role in crime prevention

### SUSPECT IDENTIFICATION CHART



## Being a Good Witness

### Suspect Description:

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Race: \_\_\_\_\_

Height: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Clothing Description: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Weapon Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Scars/Marks/Tattoos: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### Vehicle Description:

Vehicle Make: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Four or Two Door: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Plate #: \_\_\_\_\_

Visible Damage: \_\_\_\_\_

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# SERVING THE COMMUNITY



LA VISTA

## Robbery Prevention and Awareness Training

La Vista Police Department

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## What is a Robbery?

Nebraska State Statute 28-324 – Class II Felony

A person commits robbery if, with the intent to steal, he forcibly and by violence, or by putting in fear, takes from the person of another any money or personal property of any value whatever.

## Characteristics of a Robbery

- \* Robbery is a planned crime.
- \* Robbery must be executed RAPIDLY.
- \* About 50% involve more than one suspect.
- \* Socio-economic status of business, neighborhood is not a factor.
- \* The more attractive the business, the more frequently it's robbed.

## Characteristics of a Suspect

- \* Suspects are usually male.
- \* The majority are under 25 years of age.
- \* Many are repeat offenders or have violent records.
- \* Will rob for small amounts or specific items they want (cigarettes, food, alcohol).
- \* Use threat of force and violence to neutralize resistance from victim.



## Robbery Awareness

- \* BE ALERT TO SUSPICIOUS CUSTOMERS AND ACTIVITY
- \* Suspects usually "case" their intended target.
- \* Watch for individuals loitering or around the bank, parking lots, especially during opening and closing hours.
- \* Make note of individuals who act nervous or "just not right".
- \* Get the license plate number of any vehicle that remains in lot for extended periods.
- \* Write down descriptions of suspicious people or vehicles.
- \* Make sure camera systems are functioning properly and accessible by manager

## Robbery Prevention

- \* Check business for signs of break in. If present, call 911 immediately and never enter
- \* Use 2 people when possible to open and close the business
- \* Always use well-lit, visible entrances and exits and NEVER prop open doors.
- \* Keep all doors locked until the business opens.
- \* Cashier areas should be easily seen from outside.
- \* Allow employees to see entire store:
  - Utilize low displays, clear partitions and convex mirrors to maximize views
- \* Don't block the view into your business
  - Cashier areas should be easily seen from outside.
  - Trees and landscaping should be trimmed to maximize views both in and out
  - Entrances, exits and parking areas should remain well-lit

- Leave lights on, both inside and outside during non-business hours.

- \* Never open or close in the dark.

## NEVER OPEN EARLY FOR ANYONE!

## What to do during a Robbery?

- \* Cooperate
- \* Give suspect exactly what they demand.
- \* Weapons or implied weapons should be treated as real and loaded.
- \* Do not make loud noises or sudden movements.
- \* Try to alert other employees, use "code words".
- \* Activate the alarm ASAP, but do it safely.
- \* Carefully observe the robber, make eye contact and mental notes on appearance.

## What to do After a Robbery?

### \* IMMEDIATELY CALL 9-1-1 \*

- \* Identify Yourself
- \* Business Name and Address
- \* Advise the 911 operator if there is anyone injured and their injuries.
- \* Answer questions about the robbery
  - Descriptions of suspects
  - Weapons
  - How much time has passed since the suspect left?
  - Vehicle
  - Direction of travel