Safety Tip 1: Working alone

Your employer should:

• Have someone contact you regularly to make sure you’re okay; arrange with employees from neighbouring shops to check on each other.

• Post a sign in the window that there is very little cash on the premises at any time.

If you are working alone:

• Keep emergency phone numbers handy.

• Make eye contact with all customers and give each a friendly greeting.

• Avoid making bank deposits alone, especially at night.

• Don’t leave back doors open and unattended.

• Don’t empty garbage at night where garbage bins are in secluded areas.

• Keep a casual eye on anyone who is loitering but, don’t stare or confront them. Offer assistance.

During a robbery, stay calm and look after your own safety. Money and merchandise can be replaced, people can’t.