



Pharmacy Crime

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The ten principles of prevention

- Target hardening
- Target removal
- Remove the means to commit crime
- Reduce the payoff
- Access Control
- Surveillance
- Environmental Change
- Rule Setting
- Increase the chances of being caught
- Deflecting offenders



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Advice to combat shop theft.

- Consideration should be given to store layout.
- Desirable goods should be near to staff and tills in clear view, away from exits.
- Lockable cabinets should also be considered.
- Consider the position of the till.
- Make sure the staff at the till have a good view of the rest of the store.
- Do not overstock shelving - Keeping the height of the display units lower affords staff better views throughout the shop floor.
- Good quality CCTV systems can act as a deterrent - shop owners should obtain quotes from several reputable companies.
- Prominent signage highlighting the presence of CCTV within the premises also acts as a deterrent.
- Strategically placed mirrors around the store can assist in eliminating any areas that are normally out of line of sight.
- Empty display boxes or disabled electrical items on display reduce the chance of higher priced items being stolen - a genuine customer will always ask.
- Property tagging items with an installed alarm system will also act as a deterrent.
- If a particular item becomes targeted by thieves simply moving its location on the shop floor can stop the thefts.
- The most cost effective way to prevent shop theft is to refuse known offenders entry to the shop - politely advise they are not welcome or if already in the store politely ask them to leave - remember shop staff decide who is welcome inside their premises.
- Keep doors and windows free from posters, adverts, etc. - this not only gives your staff a clearer view of who is about to enter your store it also gives greater visibility into your store by any person passing - thieves do not want to be seen.



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Thank you
Any questions?

