

Armed hold-ups and cash handling – Transferring cash

What is the problem?

Small businesses being targeted for robberies when transferring cash to the bank.

What are the risks?

Workers can be killed or suffer serious injuries – including internal injuries from weapons, stress-related injuries, fractures and sprains.

What is a solution to the problem?

To reduce the chance of being targeted for a robbery when transferring cash:

- use a security transport company when large amounts of cash are involved
- use cash handling procedures that make cash less visible (ie count cash out of sight of customers).

If this cannot be done:

- monitor the amount of cash held at your business and make frequent random bank deposits through the day – do not take large amounts of cash to the bank in the same bag at the same time every day and take someone with you if possible
- conceal deposit bag and use a bank close to you to deposit takings

- constantly change the procedures for cash transfer, including changing routes, times, schedules, the amounts transferred and the vehicle used
- do not take cash home. Driving home with the day's takings makes you a target for robbery. A woman was stabbed and robbed of the day's takings as she got out of her car outside her Melbourne home. The police believe the offender was lying in wait for the victim.

Further Information

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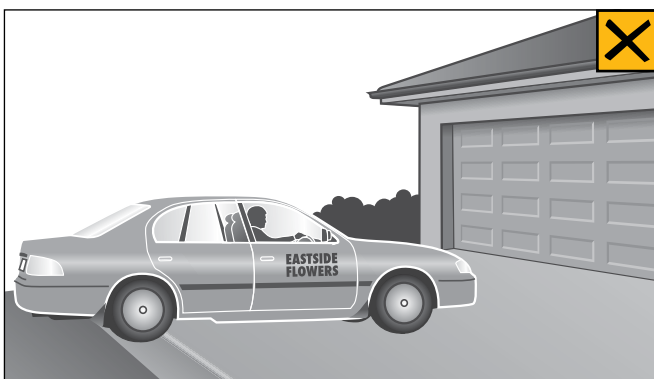
Related WorkSafe publications

WorkSafe Victoria, 2005, *Cash-in-transit – A guide to managing OHS in cash-in-transit industry*

WorkCover NSW, 2003, *Armed hold-ups and cash handling – A guide to protecting people and profits from armed hold-ups*

Copies of publications can be obtained by contacting WorkSafe Advisory Service or visit WorkSafe's website.

The problem



Do not take the day's takings home, especially if you drive a company car.

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A solution



Use a security transport company.