



Robbery Prevention For Taxicab Drivers

Robbery is one of the leading causes of injury in the workplace.

The following is a list of suggestions you can implement to reduce the risk of being robbed and how best to survive if you are.



BEFORE A ROBBERY

DO

- Limit cash to twenty dollars and advertise this fact by way of decal.
- Encourage use of credit cards and debit cards.
- Don't keep money in shirt pocket – too easy for thief to reach.
- Be aware of businesses that are open 24 hours if you are in need of assistance.
- Know your location at all times.
- Avoid tinted windows or advertising.
- Cell-phones – have on at all times and be aware that NOT all 9-1-1 calls will show your location.
- Advise dispatch of any change in location.
- Advise dispatch when picking up unannounced fares and make sure that you obtain a specific destination.
- Bags go in trunk.
- Seating position – ask fare to sit in the right rear passenger seat.
- Park in well-lit areas during down times.

- Dispatch – conduct location checks during down time.
- If you feel your life is threatened, or a problem arises, leave the cab and go to an area of safety, if possible.
- Take notice of the fares in your cab – practice being able to describe people.
- Comment on the fare's clothing, if they choose to sit behind you, as it lets them know that you have observed what they are wearing in the event they are considering committing a robbery.
- Be aware of what your co-workers are doing – use a buddy system.

DON'T

- Leave the cab to check an address – have the dispatcher do a call back. If there is no response, leave the area.
- Argue with a fare, particularly if they are drunk.
- Initiate or continue the fare where drug abuse is obvious.

DURING A ROBBERY

- Your only responsibility is to survive the incident.
- Give robber what he wants – money can be replaced ... you cannot be.
- Remain calm and don't argue.

- If weapon is indicated but not seen, assume the possession of a real weapon.
- Do not use anything as a weapon.
- Do not chase robber or follow a fare-beater into a building.
- Concentrate on the culprit's features and clothing. Note the direction of travel.
- Activate your emergency light.
- Complete the Suspect Identity Chart.

AFTER A ROBBERY

- Call 9-1-1 immediately.
- Remain at the scene until emergency services arrive.
- Be prepared to provide police with details including:
 - description of culprit;
 - type of weapon used; and,
 - direction of travel.

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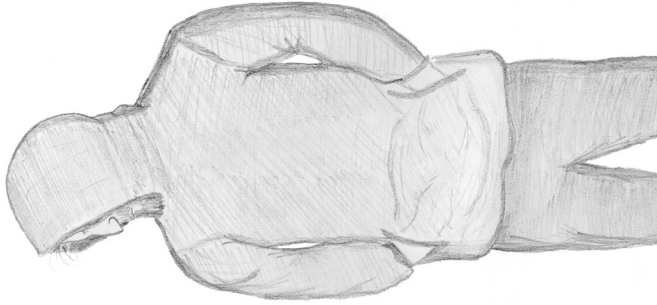
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SUSPECT IDENTITY CHART



CRIME LOCATION: _____

CULPRIT # ___ OF ___

SEX: MALE FEMALE

AGE: _____

RACE: _____

HEIGHT: _____

BUILD: _____

THIN

AVERAGE

MUSCULAR

STOCKY

HEAVY

HAIR		COLOUR		STYLE		LENGTH		FEATURES	
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COAT / JACKET									
SHIRT / TOP									
PANTS									
SHOES									

OTHER — DESCRIBE:
(backpack, fanny pack, purse)

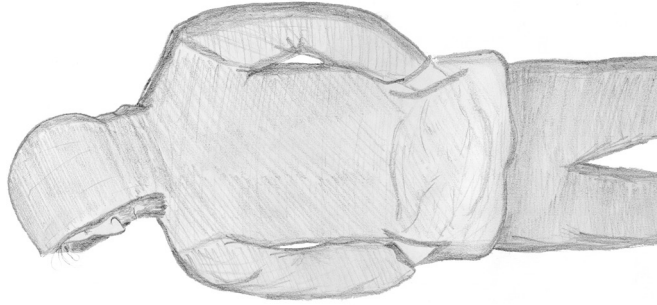
PERSONAL IDENTIFIERS

TATTOOS PIERCINGS BIRTH MARKS DEFORMITIES ACCENT EYE GLASSES JEWELRY

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WEAPON(S) DESCRIPTION:

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