

If you see anything suspicious, call the La Mirada Community Sheriff's Station at (562) 902-2960. If you see a crime in progress, call 911.



If you are interested in starting a Business Watch Program, hosting a meeting, or get to additional information on crime prevention contact the La Mirada Public Safety Team at (562) 902-2986.



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BUSINESS WATCH



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La Mirada Business Watch

Business Watch is a crime prevention program similar to the Neighborhood Watch program that the City of La Mirada offers. Businesses are encouraged to join and work cooperatively with the Public Safety Team to make the business community safe and to reduce crime in and around businesses. Business Watch also establishes working relationships between business owners, managers, associates, and the Public Safety Team.

Goals of Business Watch

- Improve communication between businesses and the Public Safety Team.
- Establish relationships among neighboring businesses.
- Reduce crime in the business community through policing and education.
- Encourage the business community to use crime prevention techniques and security measures to effectively reduce crime in and around businesses.
- Provide information about other public and private agencies that may serve as resources to solve problems.
- Serves as a forum for emergency preparedness training, coordination, and communication.

Crime Prevention Tips for the Business Environment

Any crime that can happen at home or in your neighborhood can also occur in the workplace. Common sense and crime prevention skills can help make the workplace safe for all. Some common trouble spots and solutions are listed below.

- Reception area – The reception area should be equipped with a panic button for emergencies and a camera and monitor that can be viewed by others.
- Office traffic – Maintain good office traffic control with signs limiting public access to work areas. A sign may state that visitors or delivery people must check in at the front desk. Passes, nametags, and sign-in logs could be utilized.
- Personal security – Lock your purse or wallet away somewhere secure such as a cabinet or locker. Thieves know that most people leave purses and wallets in desk drawers and this is the first place they will look.
- Stairwells – Make sure stairwells are well lit and avoid using them alone.
- Elevators – Don't get into elevators with people who look out of place or behave in a strange or threatening manner. If alone and already in the elevator, exit as soon as possible.
- Parking lots – Use a buddy system when walking to the parking lot or the bus stop.



Theft Prevention

- Install an audible alarm.
- Install floodlights for alleyways and at all entrances.
- Secure all windows, vents and roof access.
- Trim nearby bushes and trees.
- Maintain an inventory of all office equipment and keep information on the make, model and serial number of each item
- Keep a log of keys issued to employees and change keys and combinations periodically.
- Change the times and routes of travel for your bank deposits. Don't use money bags. It is too obvious for prospective robbers.
- Avoid having an employee work alone.
- Lock unused doors.
- Limit the number of poster signs on your windows and glass doors. This will allow patrol units an obstructed view of your business.
- Make sure the name and address of your business are visible from the street. This facilitates an accurate response from the Public Safety team.