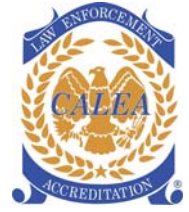




# Simsbury Police Department



*"In Partnership With Our Community"*

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The Simsbury Police would like to provide our business owners/employees with a few quick tips on robbery prevention and preparedness.

## **Prevention:**

- Maintain a well-lighted interior and exterior that are visible from the street.
- Mark the doorway to identify the height of the suspect.
- Watch for and report suspicious actions of people inside and immediately outside the premises. Do not hesitate to contact the Police Department if you are worried about a potential risk.
- Keep emergency telephone numbers close at hand.
- Install and maintain visible security cameras.

## **What to do during a robbery:**

- Remain calm and obey the robber.
- Be observant and plan to be a good witness. Try to remember the following elements:
  - gender
  - age
  - race
  - height
  - eye/hair color
  - clothing
  - weapon (size, type, color, etc)
  - distinguishing features (scars, tattoos, facial hair, accent, etc)
- Don't give chase. Note direction of escape and vehicle info (make, model, color, plate number, etc)

## **What to do after a robbery:**

- Lock the entry door and other access points.
- Dial 911 immediately and provide a detailed description of the suspect and vehicle.
- Do not touch places where the suspect may have left fingerprints, footprints, or other evidence.
- Ask witnesses to remain on the premises.

**For more information please do not hesitate to contact the Simsbury Police at 860-658-3100.**

**To request a security evaluation of your business, contact PFC John Mimnaugh at 860-658-3131.**