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With the unfortunate increase of crime levels in our country, it is becoming more and more necessary for companies which collect cash as part of their daily business to exercise extreme caution in the way they collect and store cash at their premises. Below are a few tips on cash collection and cash storage at the company premises.

- Where large amounts of cash are collected, it is necessary to establish the maximum amount of cash which can be held in the till before money is collected and stored away
- Use a drop safe or timed safe to store cash s
- Hold the safe keys off site and post up a notice stating that fact
- Vary the times when you store the cash to avoid becoming predictable and vulnerable to attack before you store cash
- Where necessary and appropriate, install a barrier to cover your cash collection booth or have a small

opening to allow the exchange of cash

• Raise the counter to keep the cash register out of site

Take care of your cash

- Have equipment, such as a panic button, in place which can be used to alert others or a security reaction team when trouble strikes
- Fit GPS tracking devices on high value items for ease of tracking should the items be stolen
- Post up telephone contacts which workers can call in case of emergency-However, workers should be warned not to endanger themselves by calling the numbers in the presence of the thieves
- Establish an internal code word or words which can be used to spell trouble or to flag a potentially dangerous situation
- Try not to store a huge amount of cash on the premises. Therefore, it is advised that a reliable and professional cash-in- transit company, such as Armsec, the Guard-Alert Security Armoured division should be utilised for the safe transportation of cash to your respective bank

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