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Secure your cash

It has become necessary once again to talk about cash security at business premises due to the rising number of cash robbery incidences in these cash shortage days. Unfortunately, holding cash at company premises has become a risk factor and companies need to be vigilant in their cash security measures. Below are a few hints and tips on how best to secure, store and transport cash at your premises

1. Wherever possible explore other payment methods so that cash transactions are limited.

In cases where the handling of cash is unavoidable the following precautions needs to be taken:

2. Position tills away from the front door wherever possible

- 3. Keep cash levels to a minimum in tills. Tills should be emptied as often as possible and the times varied so this activity does not become predictable.
- 4. Count cash as far away as possible from customer areas
- 5. Use a reliable Cash in Transit firm such as Armsec to transport cash for banking or for storage in the company's high security strong rooms.

- 6. Vary the time when the cash is collected so that your movements are not studied by would be robbers
- 7. If the storage of cash on your premises is unavoidable, keep the safe locked at all times and change the combination frequently. Consider installing a magnetic contact on the safe door so the alarm will

be triggered should the safe be opened without authorisation

- 8. It is advisable to have two people as key holders for the safe so that there are two authorised people at any one time when the safe is opened
 - 9. Have signs to show that keys to the safe are held off the premises- this can

be a deterrent for would be thieves