

AFTER A ROBBERY

▲ Call the police immediately. Do not waste time.

▲ Write down everything you can remember about the robbers and the crime itself:

- ✓ Their appearance
- ✓ Their weight
- ✓ Their age
- ✓ Their hair and eye color
- ✓ Any scars or tattoos
- ✓ Their accents
- ✓ Their clothing
- ✓ Their mannerisms
- ✓ Their weapon
- ✓ Any other particulars

▲ Keep everyone away from surfaces the robbers may have touched.

▲ Cooperate fully with the police and prosecutors.

Your help is crucial, so stick with the case.



FOR EMERGENCIES CALL 911

SOME NON-EMERGENCY LOCAL POLICE NUMBERS:

ANAHEIM:	(714) 765-1900
FOUNTAIN VALLEY:	(714) 593-4485
FULLERTON:	(714) 738-6700
GARDEN GROVE:	(714) 741-5702
IRVINE:	(949) 724-7000
SANTA ANA:	(714) 245-8665
WESTMINSTER:	(714) 898-3315

**Write in your Local
Police Department phone number:**

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HOME INVASION ROBBERY PROTECTION



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This pamphlet was created by the Orange County District Attorney's Office in cooperation with the Vietnamese Advisory Commission. The purpose of this pamphlet is to help community residents protect themselves from home invasion robberies and to bring a greater awareness of the resources and processes of the criminal justice system. The pamphlet helps to advance the mission of the District Attorney's Community Education Services Program: To create linkages with Orange County's diverse communities in order to provide information and education about services available to victims and witnesses of crime; and to develop solutions to crime and public safety issues using cultural forces and resources that exist within these communities.

"The single most effective way to protect a family from home invasion is by limiting the amount of valuables that are stored there."

Home invasion robberies are one of the fastest growing crimes in the Asian American community. Residents can make their homes safer by not keeping excessive amounts of jewelry or cash available in the home. The single most effective way to protect a family from home invasion is by limiting the amount of valuables that are stored there. **Take away the incentive!**

Citizens can reduce the chance of becoming a target by taking these simple precautions to help protect themselves, their family and businesses:

1. Wear a modest amount of jewelry when going out for the evening, particularly to nightclubs or card clubs. Do not call unnecessary attention to yourself.
2. Carry only as much money as you are likely to need. Do not display large amounts of cash in public.
3. Money won from card clubs should be taken in the form of a cashier's check issued by the club. Do not bring money home in the form of cash.
4. Use bank safety deposit boxes to store valuables. Even cash can be stored in safety deposit boxes if you are uncomfortable using bank accounts. No one knows what is stored in a safety deposit box, except the depositor.
5. At places of business, make frequent bank deposits. Use armored car services if necessary.
6. Merchants or others who carry valuables frequently should consider keeping a cellular phone in the car. If they notice that they are being followed home, they should dial 911. This will immediately connect them to the California Highway Patrol who will either dispatch a unit or notify local police of what is taking place. Officers can then intercept the suspect's vehicle.

7. Contact the police immediately if you notice someone watching your home or family, or if gang members are following you home.
 8. Have good, safe locks on all doors. Use auxiliary deadbolt locks on all exterior doors. Lock the doors when you go out, even for just a minute.
 9. Don't let strangers into your home. Use a peep-hole or talk through device. Ask for identification. People on legitimate business will be glad to show identification.
 10. If a stranger at the door is asking for one of your children, have your child identify the stranger.
 11. Do not open the door to strangers at night. If the stranger is selling door to door at night, call the police. It is illegal.
 12. Use caution when renting a room to a non-family member.
 13. Do not allow strangers to attend your children's party.
- It has been found that, in most home invasion robberies, one or more of the suspects has been in the house prior to the robbery. We are calling on the community to take an active role in curbing the spread of violence. We need the community's helping in addressing this problem. **By working cooperatively, we can effectively protect ourselves.**