

PROTECT SECURE



**A Program To Safeguard
Firearms, Ammunition And
Other Potential Weapons
In Times Of Civil Disorder**

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Civil Disorder and Your Business

The last several years have seen a new phenomenon in American life—the violence of disorders and riots.

Serious riots invariably bring physical and financial loss to local businessmen either directly or indirectly. You, as a businessman and influential member of the community, have a vital concern with these problems. Your investment, the prosperity of your business, the welfare of your family and the national image of your community are at stake.

Riots are not confined to large metropolitan areas. They can occur in any city or town and adjacent localities in the United States.

Dealers displaying and selling firearms, ammunition, smokeless powder, knives, gasoline containers, axes and similar items are often prime looting targets during civil disorders.

Local law enforcement agencies have a tremendous task in preventing and controlling riots and such looting. Your support, cooperation, and action can make a real contribution to successful control since it is obvious that any protective measures you take will help decrease the theft and misuse of products favored by rioters as weapons.

During the fall of 1967 and the winter of 1968, some of America's leading sporting arms and ammunition manufacturers held a number of discussions with the International Association of Chiefs of Police, other major law enforcement authorities and retail and wholesale trade associations. The purpose of these meetings was to explore the possibility of initiating voluntary com-



munity level action aimed at forestalling or diminishing the incidence of thefts or looting of firearms and ammunition from dealers' inventories during episodes of mass civil disorders . . . without depriving law-abiding citizens of the opportunity to purchase these products.

The following suggested courses of action are based largely on recommendations made by representatives of the above groups.

By joining fellow businessmen in studying this booklet and putting into effect what you learn from it, you will help protect yourself and your neighbors, and you will make your community a safer, better place in which to live. Your investment and effort will be well worth the time should a riot occur or spread to the vicinity of your business establishment.

Plan Ahead and Act Now



- ✓ Meet With Your Local Law Enforcement Officials And Develop Your Protection Plans With Them.
- ✓ Become Well Acquainted With Your Local Patrolmen.
- ✓ Keep In Close Touch With The Local Situation And Watch For Civil Disorder Danger Signals.
- ✓ Assist In Civic Projects Aimed At Relieving Community Tension.
- ✓ Take The Appropriate Special And General Security Precautions Outlined In This Pamphlet.
- ✓ Make Frequent Use Of The Security Check List Provided In This Pamphlet.

Police Cooperation and Planning

Your security against looting during civil disorders depends, in part, on effective police protection in your area. No matter how well your business is protected with technical devices and watchman services, the local law enforcement agency is still your first line of defense.

There are many ways you can help your local law enforcement agency do a better job. Visit police headquarters and, if you are in a large city, the station or precinct in your neighborhood or community. Meet the commanding officers. They will appreciate an honest, legitimate interest in the job they are doing, and in return, will want to learn more about your protection problems. Get to know these men and talk things over with them. This will afford both of you an opportunity to plan better protection strategies.



Your Local Patrolmen

Become better acquainted with the officers who actually patrol the neighborhood in which your business is located. If they realize you take an active interest in protecting your place of business, they will become more closely involved in assisting you with your protection problems.

The Local Situation

Be aware of the social climate in your area. Stay alert for danger signals that might indicate the need for emergency protective measures. Call the authorities if you notice signs of impending trouble.

Civic Projects

Assume a position of active partnership and leadership in helping solve the social and economic problems which confront your community. Your participation in civic projects aimed at relieving community tension and assisting your police is of vital importance.

Special Security Measures

If signs of active unrest materialize, it is suggested that you take whichever of the following precautions seem most appropriate to your situation:

1. Remove firearms, ammunition, knives, axes, smokeless powder and similar items from display windows and showcases and place them in secure areas on the premises.
2. Increase normal security lighting where possible. Leave exterior lights on and interior lights that improve visibility from the street. Lighted advertising signs, however, should be switched off.



3. If your inventory is small enough to permit it, consider moving stocks to secure locations outside the perimeter of trouble. Notify the police of your intent to make such a move and advise them of new storage locations.
4. Place guns, ammunition and other products listed above in security storage on the premises.
5. Avoid ill-advised advertising of the above listed products.
6. Keep inventory and federal firearms record books in a secure, fireproof area.
7. Inspect your premises periodically . . . especially after business hours. Double check doors and window locks, barriers and alarm systems. Check doors, skylights and other methods of entrance for durability of construction and security. Make sure all exterior and interior night lights are in good working order.

8. Follow fire departments procedures to make sure that your premises are as safe as possible from arson.
9. Follow appropriate, police approved security measures when closing your business for the night.
10. Make sure police and fire departments know how to contact you after business hours or on holidays.
11. If authorities so advise, evacuate your employees according to pre-planned exit routes.

General Security Measures

The following time-proven, general protection recommendations are suggested in order to help prevent illegal entry into your place of business at any time and to minimize your losses, should a break-in occur.



A. Exterior

1. All points where a break-in might occur should be lighted by street lights, outside flood lights, or night lights.
2. Alleys should be lighted in order to be visible to police patrols.

3. Walls and roofs should be solid. Pay particular attention to weak points where entrance can be gained from an adjoining building.
4. If you are in a rural area, a fence may help your protection. Be sure it is high enough, protected with barbed wire, in good repair, and anchored so an intruder cannot crawl under it.
5. Gates for such fences must be solid, in good repair, properly hinged and locked. Unused gates should be eliminated.
6. Stock, crates, merchandise or other items should not be placed so as to give burglars hiding places, help them enter buildings or assist them over fences.
7. Remove weeds, trash or other materials that reduce visibility from areas adjoining your building, fence or gates.
8. Sidewalk openings and their frames should be secured and properly locked.
9. Keep ladders secure so they cannot be used as ready access to upper windows and roof.



B. Interiors

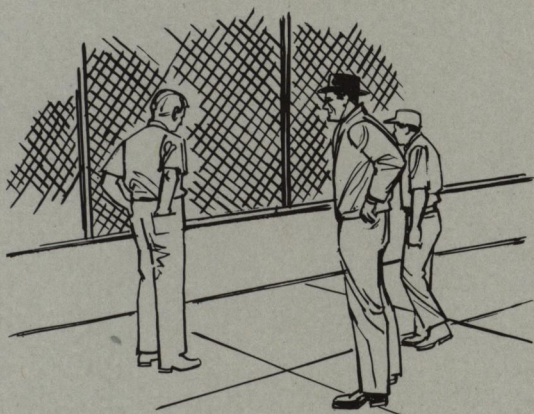
1. Install tempered, unbreakable glass display windows and cases. Make sure that the display cases and/or gun racks can be locked.

2. Security bars for display windows should be available for use after business hours and during riot situations.
3. Install vaults or construct strong rooms on your premises providing security against burglary and looting for firearms and ammunition.
4. Make sure that stocks of guns and ammunition are kept in widely separated areas especially during periods of tension.
5. Install a burglar alarm system—preferably the type which terminates at police headquarters.

C. Doors

1. Door panels should be strong, securely fastened in place and protected against being kicked out or knocked out.
2. All unused doors should be secured properly.
3. Hinges should be designed and located so the pins cannot be pulled from the outside.
4. The doors should be designed so they cannot be forced by spreading their frames.
5. Door locks should be the cylinder type, in good working order, firmly set in place, and with locking bolts or bars so designed that they cannot be pushed back with a thin instrument such as a knife blade.
6. Padlocks or bolt locks should be protected or constructed so they cannot be cut, twisted or pried off. Hinges and hasps should be installed so the screws cannot be removed when locks are in place.
7. Keys should be issued only to persons who actually need them. Non-assigned keys should be properly stored.

8. If you have doors with panic locks, they should have auxiliary locking mechanisms for use when the building is not occupied.
9. Double doors should be flush-locked with long bolts, barred on the inside and equipped with locking pins running into the floor.
10. Place metal lining on exterior wooden doors to resist drilling or sawing.



D. Alarms and Watchman

1. Check the alarm system to see it is properly installed, covers hazardous points completely and is regularly tested.
2. Review the need for a watchman. If it exists, do a complete background check and be sure he has received adequate training before you hire him.
3. Your watchman's routine should be monitored by a punch clock or a similar schedule device.
4. If a commercial watchman service is employed, check to see that it performs efficiently.



Security Check List

- *Make regular inspections of your business establishment's physical security and your protection procedures using the following list.*
- *Every check means improved protection.*
- *Take immediate steps to correct deficiencies.*

General Precautions

1. After business hours and holiday address and telephone numbers on file with police and fire departments. ☐
2. Police approved security measures on night closing being followed. ☐
3. Tempered glass display windows installed. ☐
4. Display window security bars available and being used at night. ☐
5. Effective burglar alarm system installed. ☐
6. Exterior and interior night lights adequate and working. ☐
7. Adequate areas for security storage of firearms, ammunition and other potential weapons on the premises. ☐
8. Provisions made for storing firearms and ammunition in widely separated areas. ☐
9. Arson hazards minimized. ☐
10. Inventory and federal firearms records stored securely. ☐

Special Measures when Disorders are Imminent

1. Remove firearms, ammunition and potential weapons from display windows and showcases. ☐
2. Avoid ill-considered firearms advertising. ☐
3. Put firearms, ammunition and other potential weapons in security storage on the premises or remove to secure location if practical. ☐
4. Premises inspected for security frequently. If guard service employed, alert watchman on duty. ☐
5. Provisions made for evacuating employees if ordered by authorities. ☐

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