

Security Issues in the Independent Supermarket Industry

The current economic crisis is causing a great deal of financial hardship for many people. There have been job losses in many industry sectors and generally people are bracing themselves for difficult times ahead.

Whenever there is an economic downturn there is usually an increase in retail shrinkage.

A recent comprehensive survey by Checkpoints Systems showed that employee theft is a major source of retail shrinkage. The Global Retail Theft Barometer showed that "\$825 million was lost by retailers in the last twelve months despite customer theft being reduced by 1.05% during that period."

It is important for retailers to be vigilant with their security measures. MGA has developed a new booklet titled, "Retail Security" to assist members to assess their security procedures and to provide advice on handling security problems.

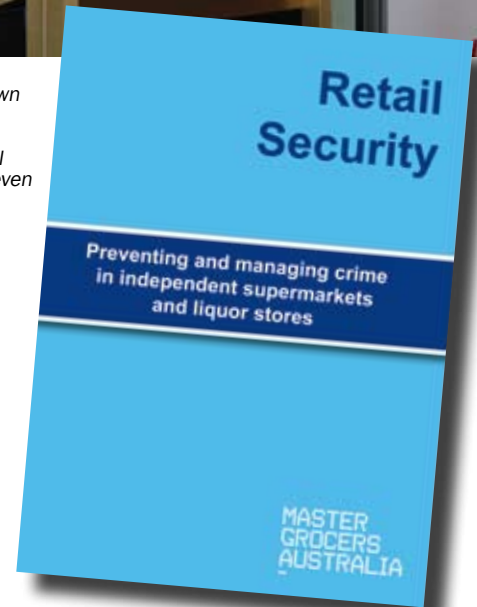
The booklet is supported by a number of policies and posters that can be used to train staff and demonstrate to the public that the in store security of independent supermarkets is efficient and effective.

A copy of the booklet is available to each independent supermarket and the posters and policies can easily be downloaded from our website.

If you would like further information please call an MGA Adviser on 1800 888 479.



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