

Smash-and-Grab Season Checklist: Is Your Store Ready?



1. Revisit Your Security Plan

- Review your existing protocols. Are they up to date?
- Do they reflect recent layout changes or staffing updates?
- Is every team member aware of the current emergency procedures?



2. Conduct a Walkthrough with Staff

Physically walk your team through your response protocol—including how to:

- Spot suspicious behavior
- Discreetly alert coworkers or call authorities
- Lockdown or safely exit if needed



3. Secure Entry Points

Ensure all doors, windows, and loading areas are:

- Locked after hours
- Reinforced with shatter-resistant film or bars
- Properly alarmed and monitored by your security system



4. Upgrade Your Safes

Keep high-value items like cash, documents, or firearms in a high-security safe.

Look for safes with:

- TL-15/TL-30 ratings
- Dual access and audit logs
- Anchor bolt options to prevent removal



5. Train Staff on What NOT to Do

Avoid putting your team in danger. They should:

- Never chase a thief
- Stay calm and focus on observation (not confrontation)
- Be trained to give an accurate report to police