

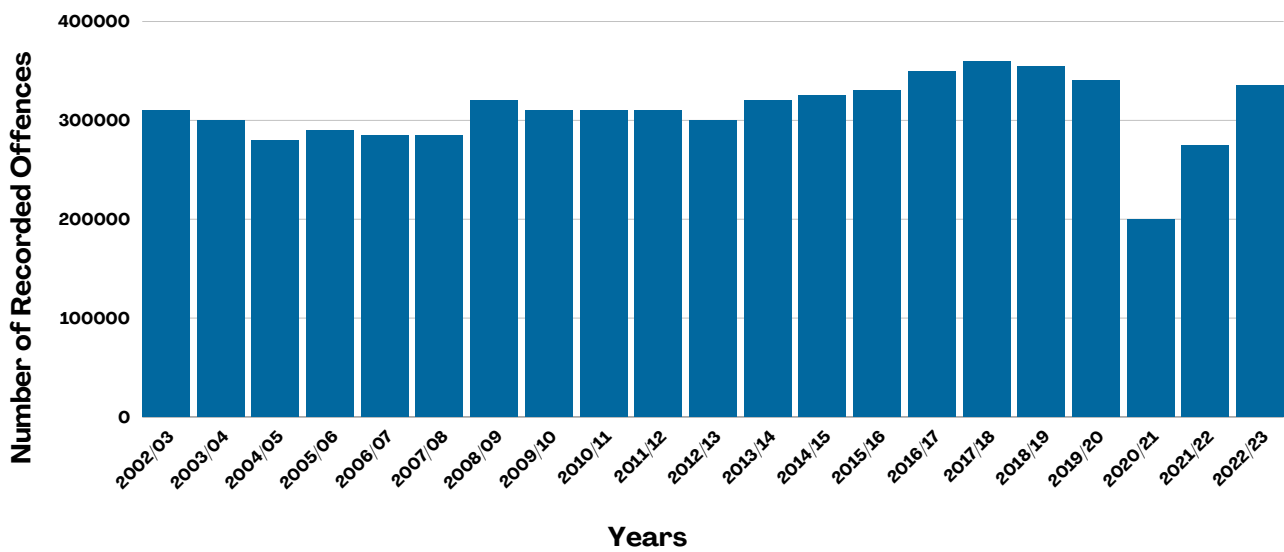
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RETAIL SECURITY CHECKLIST

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Shoplifting in UK has been the new epidemic. It is on the rise more than always being the highest in the last two decades as of now. Statistics from the Office for National Statistics showed that there were 402,482 instances of shoplifting reported by law enforcement in England and Wales in the year leading up to September 2023. This is the first occasion the figure has surpassed 400,000 since data collection started in 2002. This has become a serious concern among not only the retailers and authorities but also the citizens.



There are various reasons for shoplifting which include the most complex psychological ones to the plain and simple thrill seekers. Technological tools like CCTV, RFID tags, electronic article surveillance, and video analytics can aid in identifying shoplifters on time while enhancing staff visibility and designing store layouts that challenge shoplifters can also be effective in reducing theft. Incorporating all of these key elements have led us to devise a retail security checklist which will surely help in running a successful retail business in UK.

STEP 1 INTEGRATE ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEMS

STEP 2 INSTALL IN CCTV SYSTEMS

STEP 3 DETERMINE AT-RISK OBJECTS

STEP 4 IMPLEMENTING SHOPLIFTING POLICY MEASURES

STEP 5 HIRING RIGHT EMPLOYEES

STEP 6 CONDUCT STOCK TAKES AND DISPLAYS SIGNAGE

STEP 7 SETUP MONITORED ALARMS

STEP 8 MODIFY YOUR LAYOUT

- **Integrate Access Control Systems:** Access control technology allows retailers to restrict who has access to specific portions of their stores. Access control systems are computerized keyless entry systems that protect retail shops from unauthorized users while also making life easier for shop owners and their employees. Fingerprints, access cards, and codes are the most popular ones used in various businesses, and biometric and smartphone verification are also becoming popular because of the high level of safety and reliability that they provide.
- **Install CCTV Systems:** CCTV systems are an extremely powerful tool in security precautions. Due to the fear of being observed, recorded, and maybe caught, CCTV cameras are one of the most effective deterrents against theft, vandalism and other types of retail crimes. Investing in CCTV cameras for continuous monitoring is the best approach to eliminate both external and internal security risks.
- **Determine At Risk Objects:** Some products in retail stores are more likely to be stolen than others and can be valuable objects that are easily accessible. By placing them in locked display cases, near the cash register or allow employees nearby to keep a keen eye on them they can be saved from being stolen.

- **Implementing Shop Lifting Policy Measures:** Hiring a professional security team might effectively manage a range of circumstances that might occur, by developing a shoplifting policy and training retail staff.
- **Hiring Right Employees:** Retailers should be very cautious with who they recruit and make background checks a component of their store's security practices. Be certain that they conduct due diligence on everyone who joins their staff.
- **Conduct Stock Takes and Display Signage:** While being aware of stock takes and inventories, it will help spot any patterns of theft if it occurs frequently and it will be easier to make the necessary adjustments to minimise the risk of theft. Signs indicating CCTV usage or shoplifters will be punished, serve as a warning and help to prevent theft.
- **Set Up Monitored Alarms:** Installing monitored alarms to stay connected to their retail stores is beneficial for shop owners. These sensors can detect an open door, a smashed window, or movement and send an alert which notifies the appropriate authorities.
- **Modify Your Layout:** Adjusting the layout of the retail store will also make it more difficult for shoplifters to steal.

REACH OUT TO US!

Running a secure retail business has now become more difficult than ever owing to the recent increase in retail crime including staff theft, corruption or shoplifting. This not only affects the business margin negatively but also puts employees and customers in danger. But we know how crucial retail is as a business which is why here at Agile Guarding we provide you with the ultimate retail security enhanced by customization and integration of technology.

Get in touch with us right now to reduce security risks at your retail property today and to let your customers have a fun and safe shopping experience.



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