

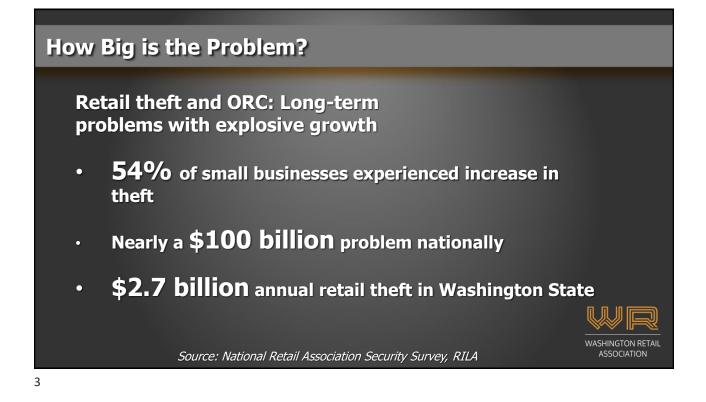
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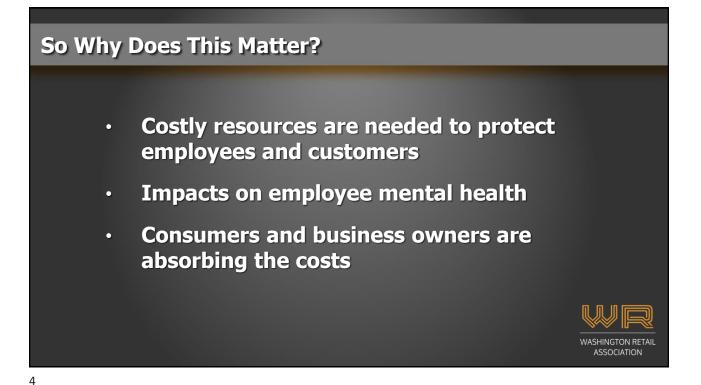
# AWC Public Safety Retail Theft Organized Retail Crime

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### **Working Together to Address the Issues**

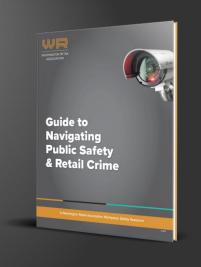
#### A Multi-Pronged Approach

- **1.** Telling the story
- 2. Passage of the national *Integrity, Notification,* and Fairness in Online Retail Marketplaces for Consumers Act (INFORM) – effective 6/27/23
- 3. Passing legislation to support law enforcement and fund the Attorney General's Internal ORC unit – 7/1/23

### Working together to address the issues

A Multi-Pronged Approach (cont.)

- 4. Coordination with the Washington State Organized Retail Crime Association (WAORCA)
- 5. Partnership in Attorney General led Washington State ORC Task Force - next meeting 8/15/23
- 6. Providing resources for small and mid-sized retailers



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### Legislative

### **Missed opportunities**

- Police vehicle pursuits property crimes
- Organized Retail Crime (ORC) enhancements
- Drug possession and use laws Blake -Seattle

#### **Success**

AG ORC Task Force funding - \$2.265 million



#### Safety as a Top Priority

Safety actions for brick & mortar stores requires planning – the 4 "Ps"

- Prepare
- Prevent
- Protect
- Post-crime





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## Prepare

- Stay informed and get involved
- Make law enforcement connections
- Internal communications
- Employee Safety Training Curriculum



### Safety as a Top Priority

### **Prepare -** continued

- Notice of no trespass, signage
- Training employees
  - Counterfeit cash
  - Regular safety meetings
  - Awareness



### Prevent

- Robbery prevention
- Security cameras and surveillance
- Prevention measures for employees
- Demotivation
  - Don't make theft easy



#### Safety as a Top Priority

### **Prevent** - continued

- Preventing vehicular smash & grabs
  - Bollards
  - Rock-filled gabion seats
  - Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design: CPTED



















# Protect

- Plans for crimes in process
- Employee and customer safety number 1
- Armed robbery considerations
  - Guns, knives, pepper and bear sprays



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### Safety as a Top Priority

### **Post-Crime**

- Call 9-1-1 Report!
- First aid
  - Pepper/bear spray
    increases
- Witness Statements multiple languages



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### **Post-Crime -** continued

- Making theft/ORC charges stick
  - Surveillance footage
  - Trespass notices
  - Proof of amount stolen
- Employee care number 1



- Artificial intelligence
- Locking product display cases
- Automatic License
  Plate Recognition
- Locking shopping cartwheels





### Organized Retail Crime Task Force and Association -

Get involved and stay informed:

WA AG ORC Task Force

Next meeting August 15 – Seattle & Hybrid





