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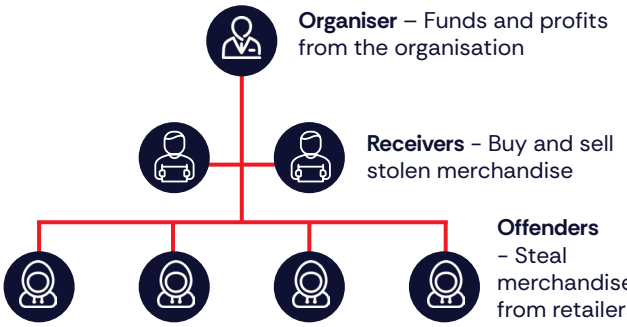
How does Organised Retail Crime affect you?



What is Organised Retail Crime?

Organised retail crime involves theft carried out by sophisticated and coordinated criminal groups. Unlike individual shoplifting, organised retail crime involves a larger network of criminals, and the stolen goods are not intended for personal use.

These groups plan and execute thefts from stores, relying on extensive coordination between a network of perpetrators to resell the stolen merchandise for profit.



The criminal enterprises responsible for this type of crime cause significant harm to our communities, as they are deeply entrenched in criminal networks and often connected to broader criminal activities.

Why is Organised Retail Crime a

Contributes to Organised Crime:



Organised retail crime fuels other forms of organised crime by supplying funds and resources to criminal groups. It enables these groups to engage in other serious illegal activities. The profits of organised retail crime often support drug trafficking, modern slavery, money laundering, and other serious criminal operations.

Product Availability:



Organised retail crime can lead to out-of-stock items and empty shelves as frequent thefts deplete inventory. Important everyday items such as baby formula, meat and vitamins are often targeted by offenders, preventing customers from accessing these goods.





Increased Safety Risks:

Organised retail crime is associated with increased violence and aggression and creates safety risks in stores for both employees and customers. Repeat offenders of this type of crime are four times more likely to cause a safety issue.

Reporting Organised Retail Crime

In an emergency, or if there is an immediate threat to life, call 000.

If you know anything about the facilitators, perpetrators or operations of organised retail crime, you can tell Crime Stoppers what you know, anonymously, at crimestoppersvic.com.au or call us on 1800 333 000.

10% of retail crimes in Australia turn violent

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