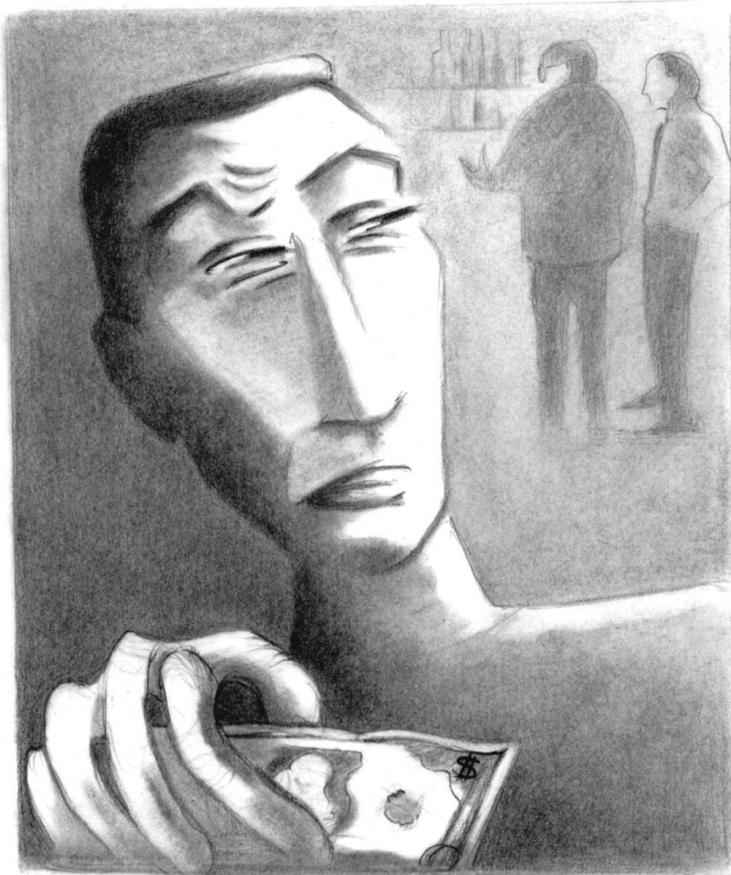


You Can Help Prevent Employee Theft



“Everybody does it.”

“Who cares if I grab some silverware? I really need it.”

“I could charge for these drinks and put the money in my pocket instead of ringing them up on the cash register. This company makes tons of money anyway.”

“I don’t want to make a scene if I see a coworker or customer taking something as small as a piece of food.”

Do any of these sound familiar? Don’t listen to them. No matter how small, stealing is illegal and morally wrong. Even if someone covets a seemingly small object or if an employer makes a lot of money, it still doesn’t entitle employees to help themselves to someone else’s property. You can be charged, fined, and even jailed for theft. And if you’re caught taking something, you’re sure to lose your job.

If you know that a coworker or customer has stolen from your workplace, don’t let it go unnoticed; tell your supervisor. Theft by an employee or customer can hurt you in several ways. You might be blamed for the theft, all employees might have to pay for what’s stolen if the supervisor can’t determine the culprit, or you may lose the trust of your supervisors. And if you see people stealing once, who knows what they might have stolen when you weren’t looking?

When employees know that coworkers are watching and won’t tolerate theft, it will deter them from attempting it.

Take theft seriously. It’s a crime.