

Why do people shoplift?



People shoplift for numerous and varied reasons:

- Many young people shoplift simply for the thrill or excitement that it brings, unaware of the legal consequences.
- For many shoplifting is an emotional outlet, providing an escape from monotony, depression, or even neglect.
- There are the angry and indigent who shoplift to help stretch the family budget.
- There are also those who shoplift for pure profit.

Regardless of the reason behind one's need to shoplift, shoplifting is a crime. To combat this problem EAC Network developed the STOPLIFT Program.



EAC Network is a not-for-profit human service agency with 70 programs throughout Long Island and the New York metro area and has been providing human service programs in the fields of aging, youth, families, education, and criminal justice since 1969. Last year EAC Network helped over 71,000 people.

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HOW THE STOPLIFT PROGRAM CAN HELP YOU

What is the the STOPLIFT program?

STOPLIFT is a unique remediation and education program for shoplifters. During a full-day class, offenders examine their motives, learn about the legal consequences of continued shoplifting, and analyze the cost of their crimes to society.

Referral Process

In court, upon referral to STOPLIFT by a judge, forms are completed in the courtroom. Defendants are given a "Fact Sheet" about the STOPLIFT program instructing them to contact the STOPLIFT area office within 24 hours to register for the next available class. In some courts, the class date is pre-assigned.

Is there a fee for participation?

Yes. There is an intake fee. A sliding scale for the indigent is available for those who qualify. Please contact our program office for assistance.



Who are the STOPLIFT program members?

Participants are beginning shoplifters referred by judges, probation officers, police, private agencies, ADAs, or self-referrals.



Who conducts the STOPLIFT Classes?

The STOPLIFT course is conducted by trained educators and counselors who have experience working with people involved in the criminal justice system. In addition, a group facilitator and screener run the group exercises and conduct individual interviews with class participants.

Time and Length

STOPLIFT is a six-hour class scheduled on Saturdays from 9am to 3pm.

Do participants receive any long-term help?

Yes. Each class member meets individually with the screener. During these meetings, the screener will work with the participant to identify any needs he/she may have. An additional referral for further assistance will be made where necessary.

What does it take to complete the STOPLIFT program?

Class participants complete the program if they have attended the full day, participated fully in class exercises, and have met fee requirements.



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