

Guns are a huge problem for thieves. When guns are introduced into a situation, an arrest often follows even if they are not used or waved around. The simple reason is that if the police learn you are in possession of a gun – like if you steal a TV, ring AND gun from a house – they will prioritise catching you, and they will set about doing so seriously.

Ritalin is an interesting recreational drug, but you need to be aware that it operates like a truth serum. This can work for and against you – against, if you shoot your mouth off ill-advisedly; and in your favour if you use it to find things out from others.

For burglars, it is the point of sale is where you will most likely be caught; as in things start to turn pear-shaped when you try to fence the stuff.

Rain provides optimal cover for burglary and car-breaking. Wait for inclement and then head out.

TIPS FOR PETTY CRIME



Do not shoplift in your school uniform.

While you are waiting in the car outside a house someone is trying to break into, do not keep your foot on the brake. The brake lights will be on and you may draw attention to yourself.

Do not have a conspicuous car. It is best to have a ubiquitous vehicle, especially if you have a lot of drugs in it.

For the same reason avoid any traffic violations while you have contraband in the car. This may mean you are pulled over and most likely undergo at least a licence check which may show up outstanding warrants or unpaid fines; or worse, if you look like you are up to something (hurrying, looking all intent and twitchy), or look like a criminal, your car may be searched.

Groups of people traveling together in a car during working hours looks funny. You would look obviously unemployed and if you look too excited or motivated this attracts attention. Best to do crime on your own.

The golden rule is if you don't want anyone to find out what you did, do not tell anyone.

Being out of it when you commit crime is not a good idea. It makes for sloppy work and poor decision-making. This is especially true for shoplifting on valium. Benzodiazepenes often make people feel like they are invisible and that they can take things without being seen. This is not the case. They also slow your reactions increasing the chances of you rear-ending another car while you are out on manoeuvres.

If you are out at night ripping off poppies, wear a trenchcoat. Poppies and their roots are surprisingly long and not very bulky and can be disguised beneath a long coat. The only tool you need is a long screwdriver as a certain amount of root is necessary – at home plunge the plant into a bucket of warm-hot water and the sap will flow and bleeding can commence.

Avoid heat like the plague. Do not attract too much attention to yourself, annoy the police, or hang with people who do these things or have recently been arrested. The heat you bring onto yourself will mean that you are probably being noted and observed as a criminal.

Don't make enemies as people may anonymously do you in if they hate you enough. This is especially true for jilted lovers.

Beware of people who have more drugs than they can afford – they may be informers being paid in confiscated drugs by the police.

Be careful how you use the phone. Develop a system of coded phone talk. It may sound dumb but you cannot be convicted for telling someone you have a purple, orange or grey car to sell; or that you are after some lemon juice (for morphine users these are the colours of pills, and the lemon is code for acetic acid anhydride which is used to turn the pills to a heroin-like substance on the stove-top). "Shall I come over for a cup of tea?" is better than asking "have you got any gear at home I could buy?" "I am hanging at home with Warren" is better than "I have pot here, do you want to come and smoke some?".