

## **Retail Loss Prevention Council Links**

[Centre for Retail Research](#) originated from academic work and consultancy about retail structures, information systems and retail crime. Work has been carried out in retail analysis, information systems, and loss prevention since the early 1980s. The Centre, located in England, gives Retail and Service Industry businesses Research, Analysis, and Advice, and Consultancy. They also provide training, updating seminars and 'health checks'. They produce reports and run specialist conferences. The Centre is objective and neutral. It is not tied to any supplier does not promote any system or methodology.

[Coupon Information Corporation](#) (CIC) was founded to encourage integrity in connection with the redemption of manufacturers' coupons and participation in other promotional programs. The Coupon Information Center encourages and supports federal, state, and local law enforcement efforts to identify, investigate, and prosecute coupon misredemption. Coupon misredemption occurs whenever someone attempts to redeem a coupon that is void for a product that he/she has NOT purchased. This activity is often in violation of Federal or State laws. Coupon misredemption costs consumer product manufacturers hundreds of millions of dollars every year. Estimates of this cost vary from a low of about \$300 million annually to more than twice that amount. Coupon misredemption also increases costs for consumers, because the costs of misredemption often must be reflected in consumer prices.

[FBI Jewelry and Gem Program](#) (JAG) was initiated in 1992 when thefts from jewelry retailers and robberies of traveling jewelry salespersons rose all across the United States. The FBI is involved because: the thefts usually cross state...and even national...boundaries; increasingly, they are committed by organized criminal enterprises or "theft groups"—that likewise require a federal agency with tough laws; and, these theft groups are often involved in other kinds of organized crime activities that are already under scrutiny by FBI investigators. The FBI helps the jewelry industry and police departments combat jewel thefts in three ways: their field offices coordinate cases that cross state lines...and their Legal Attache offices overseas coordinate cases that cross national boundaries; they gather all theft information, reported by police and jewelry representatives, into a Jewelry and Gem Crime Database that is housed at FBI Headquarters; and, they sponsor investigative coordination meetings and provide resources, as needed, to local police and jewelry professionals.

[International Council of Shopping Centers](#) (ICSC) is the global trade association of the shopping center industry. Its 54,000 members in the U.S., Canada and more than 80 other countries include shopping center owners, developers, managers, marketing specialists, investors, lenders, retailers and other professionals as well as academics and public officials. As the global industry trade association, ICSC links with more than 25 national and regional shopping center councils throughout the world. The principle aims of ICSC are to advance the development of the shopping center industry and to establish the individual shopping center as a major institution in the community.

[IPC International Corporation](#) is an industry leader in the highly specialized field of shopping center security. They are a provider of security services for owners, developers and managers of regional, super regional and mega-shopping centers in North America. They have a history of excellence and professionalism in shopping center security. IPC International is a full-service investigative and protection company with over twenty-five years of shopping center security and public safety service experience. The combination of professional public safety officers, support

staff, sophisticated consulting services, statistical reporting programs, and their uniform/equipment supply system are some of the many programs that make them unique.

[Jewelers Security Alliance](#) (JSA) is a non-profit trade association with 21,000 members that has been providing crime information and assistance to the jewelry industry and law enforcement since 1883. JSA fulfills its mission of informing and alerting jewelers about crime through frequent E-Mail Crime Alerts and print publication, a web site, seminars and consulting activities. JSA also works closely with the FBI and local law enforcement agencies, sharing its data and analysis in order to further the war on jewelry crime.

[National Association of Convenience Stores](#) (NACS) is an international trade association representing 1,900 retail and 1,800 supplier company members. NACS member companies do business in nearly 40 countries around the world, with the majority of members based in the United States. Since 1961, NACS has been an advocate for the convenience retailing industry providing industry information, knowledge and connections to ensure the competitive viability of our members' businesses. The diversity of NACS membership reflects the diversity of the convenience store and petroleum marketing industry and our commitment to developing a robust competitive environment for our members. The mission of NACS is to represent the convenience store industry and to assist retail members in increasing their current and future effectiveness and profitability.

[National Food Service Security Council](#) (NFSSC) was formed to bring together security personnel of the major chain restaurants and to provide opportunities for education and information sharing concerning safety and security issues.

[National Restaurant Association](#) (NRA) is the leading business association for the restaurant industry. Together with the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation, the Association's mission is to represent, educate and promote a rapidly growing industry that is comprised of 900,000 restaurant and foodservice outlets employing 12.2 million people.

[National Retail Federation](#) (NRF) is the world's largest retail trade association, with membership that comprises all retail formats and channels of distribution including department, specialty, discount, catalog, Internet, independent stores, chain restaurants and grocery stores as well as the industry's key trading partners of retail goods and services. NRF represents an industry with more than 1.4 million U.S. retail establishments, more than 23 million employees - about one in five American workers - and 2004 sales of \$4.1 trillion. As the industry umbrella group, NRF also represents more than 100 state, national and international retail associations.

[Retail Industry Leaders Association](#) (RILA) formerly the International Mass Retail Association (IMRA), is the world's leading alliance of retailers and their product and service suppliers. RILA leads and serves the most successful and innovative retailers and suppliers through the delivery of world-class education, innovation and advocacy. Their focus relies upon valuable learnings, personal experience, idea sharing, networking, and best practices. We execute on this focus based on the guidance of our corporate values.