

Teen Shoplifter Blames Friends

The problem of teenage shoplifting is becoming more serious in Hong Kong. There are more than 2,000 cases of teen shoplifting this year. Yesterday, a school girl stole three mobile phones in an electronics shop. Then, she was caught by the police.

The incident happened at 5 p.m. in the electronic shop of Mong Kok. The school girl came into the shop. She took out a hat from her school bag and then she went to a hidden corner quickly to put some mobile phones into the hat. When she wanted to go outside, a clever shop assistant stopped her and called the police.

The shop assistant said, 'When the girl took out a hat, I felt very strange, so I stared at her. Then I saw her putting something into the hat. I think she may have stolen things. She always turned around and looked at me. Finally, she wanted to go out, I quickly stopped her and called the police.'

It is believed that peer pressure caused the girl to steal the mobile phones. She found her friends got lots of money by shoplifting, so she wanted to learn how to steal things. If you know someone who is shoplifter, you should ignore them.

Another important factor of the increase of shoplifting cases is that teenagers are lack of parental care. They do bad things because they want their parents to pay more attention to them. The only prevention is that parents should communicate with teenagers and teach them the appropriate attitude.