



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR SHOPLIFTING PREVENTION®

...because shoplifting steals from all of us

Organization and Program Overview

About NASP

The National Association for Shoplifting Prevention (NASP) is the nationwide leader in shoplifting prevention efforts. NASP's unparalleled shoplifter research and ongoing collaboration with community stakeholders - from crime prevention, to law enforcement, to retailers, to criminal & juvenile justice - has been the basis for all its organizational activities and the foundation for its programs and services.

NASP conducts research and offers education, prevention and rehabilitation programs in addition to self-help and support services.

NASP's evidence-based programs are recognized by more than 4,000 criminal justice professionals and utilized in more than 2,000 jurisdictions, nationwide.

NASP has been setting the standard for research-based shoplifter education programs since 1977. NASP's proven-effective programs, the Shoplifters Alternative Course (SA Course) for adults and the Youth Educational Shoplifting Program (Y.E.S. Program) for juveniles, continue to have the lowest court-documented recidivism rates in the nation.

NASP is a private non-profit tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization.

The NASP Programs are Offered in Two Formats

Interactive Online Programs – Delivers proven-effective shoplifter education in a specifically structured environment which is designed to pique participant interest and increase retention levels by offering participants an easy to use, interactive, media-rich presentation that surpasses the outdated “read and click” mentality. The programs utilize video scenarios which are guided by a facilitator along with others who have also been caught shoplifting. Participants are required to answer 124 questions and develop their own Personal Plan to stop shoplifting.

Home-Study Programs – Comprehensive correspondence course presented on audio CD's with a workbook. Listening to a facilitator and others caught shoplifting participants are guided through the program while answering 124 questions. At the end of the program they must develop their own Personal Plan to stop shoplifting.

How Do the NASP Programs Reduce Recidivism?

The programs help offenders:

- Identify the thoughts, beliefs and attitudes which led them to shoplift.
- Examine their behavior and understand how much they risked for a small reward.
- Understand the social and financial impact of their behavior.
- Understand how their actions hurt many people – their families, themselves, the employees at the store and the community at large.
- Understand and acknowledge that their behavior resulted from a choice that was theirs alone and could have been made differently.
- Develop a plan to stop shoplifting now and in the future.

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A Non-Profit Organization Originator of Research-Based Shoplifting Prevention

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Frequently Asked Questions

How long will it take the participant to complete their program?

Between viewing the online program, reading the questions and marking the answers, the program should take participants 3-4 hours to complete. If they choose to complete the program by mail (with audio CD's and a workbook) it should take about 4 hours to complete.

How does NASP ensure that the referred offender is the person actually completing the program?

Participants enrolled in the online course are notified at the very beginning that they may be selected for a process called Verification which will determine that they are, in fact, the person who actually listened to and answered the questions during the program. Verification failure can result in a grade of "Incomplete" and a loss of fee. In addition, a Verification Quiz is available for all referring court officers to confirm each offenders' participation in either the home-study or the online version of the program.

What if the program participant does not have a computer?

The NASP Programs are available in both a home-study format as well as in an online format. If the participant chooses the online format of the program, they will need a personal computer with high-speed internet and speakers or headphones. If they choose to complete the home-study portion of the program, all that is needed is a CD player and a #2 pencil.

How much time will the participant be given to complete the program?

For both the new online program and the traditional home-study by mail, each program participant is given 3 weeks to complete their program requirements from the date NASP receives their completed registration.

What happens if the participant gets too many answers wrong?

When completing the online version of the program, a participant that answers too many questions incorrectly will automatically be re-routed back to the beginning of the program and given one (1) more chance to successfully complete the online course at no additional cost. Any participant that fails the home-study portion of the program will receive a new answer sheet by mail and be given one more chance to successfully complete their program.

Will the Court be notified of the participant's successful completion of the program?

Yes, a Completion Report will be mailed and/or emailed to the court. In addition, referral officers may check a participant's progress at any time in NASP's online case management system. (This includes both online and mail-in participants.)

Does NASP provide additional support services, if needed, for participants once they complete a program?

Yes. NASP provides various types of support to help people stay on track once their program is completed. Visit our website at www.shopliftingprevention.org.

What is the tuition fee to enroll in the program?

Tuition fees range between \$45 - \$85 depending on the administration option chosen by the court or agency.

What if I have a question or concern that is not listed here?

Call NASP toll-free at 800-848-9595 between 9am-5pm EST or email Justice@shopliftingprevention.org