

The following snippets of information related to premises security were located on the Internet. All of the articles use information compiled by Liability Consultants Inc, of Sudbury, Massachusetts.

This article was located on the website of Witherspoon Security Consulting specialists in Premises Liability – Hospitality / Retail / Parking. Shown below is the opening paragraph of the article.

Parking Lot and Garage Security

by Ralph Witherspoon, CPP, CSC

Security professionals have long known that locations where people and their valuables are together — such as in parking lots and garages — are favorite targets of criminals.

That fact, well known among security professionals and police, has recently been confirmed by a study conducted by Liability Consultants, Inc. of Sudbury, Massachusetts. The study of more than 1,000 premises liability lawsuits between 1992 and 2001 revealed that in almost one-third of all the cases reviewed the basis of the suit was a murder, rape, robbery or assault that occurred in a parking lot or garage. Those parking facilities included those such as might be found at an office building, plant, retail establishment, and also pay-for-park lots and garages open to the public. The study also found that jury awards or pre-trial settlements to the plaintiffs in the lawsuits averaged between approximately \$1 million for assaults and \$2.75 million for homicides.

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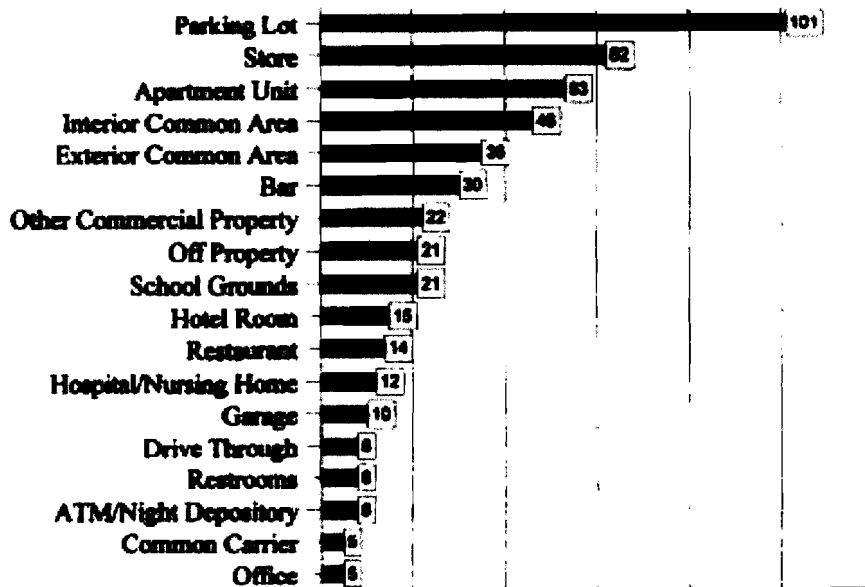


Figure 1.3 Where crimes are occurring, 1993 to 1995 only. This information is from 476 cases for which the location of the crime was revealed. The “Parking Lot category includes crimes occurring in parking lots of all types of businesses. Source: Liability Consultants, Inc.

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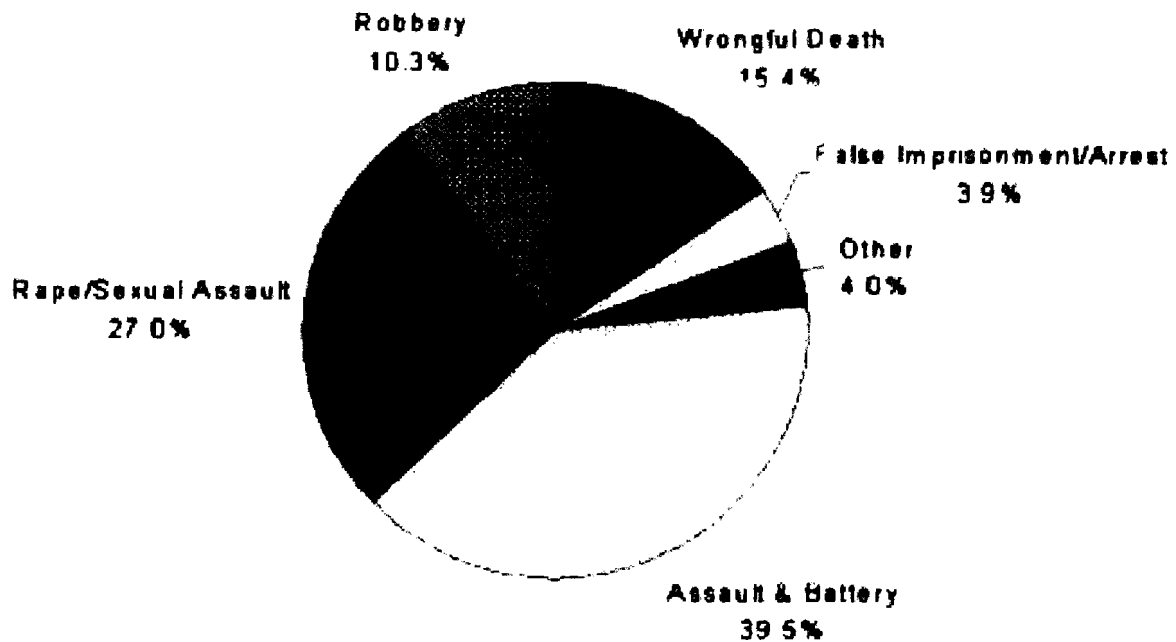


Figure 1.2 *Types of Crimes Leading to Inadequate Security Claims, 1993 to 1995 Only. The "Other" category includes crimes such as larceny, motor vehicle theft, arson, burglary, drug violations, excessive force, and other torts. "Assault and Battery" also includes shootings and stabbings not resulting in death. Source: Liability Consultants, Inc. Reprinted with permission.*

The following statement was extracted from a research paper prepared by the National Institute of Justice, an arm of the United States Department of Justice, in April, 1996. The twelve page paper was entitled "Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design in Parking Facilities."

In 1992, parking facilities represented the third most frequent place in which violent crime (e.g., rape, robbery, assault) occurred, averaging about 1,400 violent crimes per day. Therefore it appears that the risk of being attacked in a parking facility, 4 in 1 million, is really quite low.

Interestingly, about 20 percent of violent crime in parking facilities is committed by persons known to the victim.