

Abuse is Not Part of the Job!



Retail workers across the country are faced with unacceptable levels of abuse, threats and violence on a regular basis. Our latest survey figures show that:

- **7 out of 10** retail workers have been abused in the last 12 months.
- **46%** of retail workers have been threatened with physical violence.
- **18%** have been physically assaulted.

These figures are backed up by official statistics which show there has been a 27% increase in theft from stores since 2015. However, the issue clearly goes beyond shoplifting, with retail workers impacted by the huge increase in retail crime.

During this election, Usdaw is campaigning for politicians to commit to tackling retail crime and protecting our members. As part of this, we believe the following key actions must be delivered:

- **New legislation** to make it a specific, standalone offence to abuse, assault or threaten a retail worker in all parts of the United Kingdom, mirroring the rights in Scotland.
- **More neighbourhood policing** with guaranteed patrols in town centres and provisions to ban repeat offenders from town centres.
- **Partnership working with retailers** to promote effective reporting of incidents.
- **Encourage better coordination between the police and retailers** to ensure repeat and prolific offenders are targeted.

Join Usdaw

Usdaw understands the issues that retail workers face in the workplace and the more members we have, the stronger our case is with companies for better policies and better protections.

Join online at: www.usdaw.org.uk/JoinUs



Scan the QR code to join today

For further information call our Helpline on **0800 030 8030** or visit www.usdaw.org.uk/fff

www.usdaw.org.uk

UsdawUnion

