

Del Amo Mall New Rule

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If you live here in Torrance, I'm sure you have heard about Del Amo Fashion Center. If you haven't, it is one of the largest malls in America. It has all kinds of stores like food places, toy stores, clothing stores, restaurants, and so many others.

Recently, Del Amo Fashion Center has been experiencing a lot of crime inside. It isn't just every other week, Sgt. Kim of the TPD said that they have encounters there 7 days a week. Because of this, they have decided to implement a new rule that will hopefully help keep Del Amo Mall a safe place again.



(New Checkpoint at Del Amo Mall Entrance)

This new rule started on March 1st, 2024, and was implemented by Simon, the company that owns Del Amo Fashion Center. This rule says that teens under the age of eighteen must be accompanied by an adult that is at least twenty one or older after 3 p.m. According to the Daily Breeze, "The new policy came in response to large, chaotic brawls at the shopping center in recent months, including one that involved about 1,000 minors. These incidents led to the mall closing early and nearby streets temporarily shuttering." This just shows the chaos that happens at the mall on a daily basis. This rule only applies on Friday and Saturday.

There have been many stores that were robbed or affected by the actions of teenagers, but five employees of five different stores were interviewed. All of these places that were interviewed are close or in the same area of the mall.

The first person that was interviewed was a woman named Carissa who works at GTAT Village.

When she was asked about her opinion on the new rule, she said, "I honestly think it's a good thing, we've had a lot of problems with groups of teenagers, we've even had to shut the store down early. Mall security told us that groups of teenagers were stealing. I think it's a good thing for everybody's safety as well, kind of a waste of police efforts doing something else instead of policing with teenagers." She also said that big stores like Forever 21 can just replace their inventory, but family owned stores like the one she works at have a big effect when they are robbed (Her aunt owns the store). Lastly, when asked if the store she works at had ever been robbed by teens before, she said, "Yes, one time teenagers in spiderman costumes, they grabbed handfuls of stuff and ran out." She also said the situation has gotten better since the rule has gone into effect.

A woman at Bath & Body Works named Irma was also interviewed. She said that she is happy about the new rule and she thinks that everyone is. She also said that the store was robbed once by teens.



(New security camera device)

Another person named Riley who works at LOHO was spoken to about the rule. He said, "I think it's good, especially for teenagers to stop fighting at the mall. There have been a lot of times where we had to close early. I'm 18 so I've been asked for my id." He also said that they have been robbed many times by teenagers before.

Two other people were spoken to about the new rule, Nikolai from AMC and Richard from sports treasures. They both think that this new rule is a good thing. Also, Nikolai said that they once had to close down AMC early because of an incident.