

Solicitors: Someone's Knocking

What You Should Know About Door-to-Door Solicitation

The Village of Newtown has an ordinance regulating the activities of sales people and door-to-door solicitation ([Ordinance NO 36-2005](#)). It requires commercial solicitors to file an application for a permit with the Newtown Village Chief of Police. Commercial Solicitors must carry their permit on their person at all times while conducting business in the Village and all solicitors or canvassers must present photo identification upon the request of any resident contacted. No person or organization shall solicit, whether commercial or non-commercial, or canvass within any residential area of the community between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. daily.

Below are a few crime prevention tips to safeguard yourself and your home from unscrupulous door-to-door solicitors:

- Always ask solicitors for identification to verify what company they are working for. If they refuse, ask them to leave.
- Ask to see their permit from the Village of Newtown. If they do not have one, ask them to leave.
- Never invite a solicitor into your home. You can say “no thank you” without opening the door.
- Never give a solicitor your Social Security number.
- Avoid paying with a check or credit card. Cash is best -- get a receipt.
- If an item seems too good or too inexpensive to be true, it probably is.
- Orders taken need to be in writing, in duplicate (you get a copy) and to state the name of the solicitor as it appears on his/her permit, the permit number, the address of the solicitor and their employer, the terms of the agreement and the amount paid to the solicitor.
- If you encounter a solicitor who becomes aggressive or won't take “no” for an answer, ask them to leave, shut the door and call 911.
- You may post a “No Soliciting” sign on private property.

To report soliciting violations, call Newtown Police Non-Emergency at (513) 561-7697 or Dispatch at (513) 825-2280.



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