

SOLICITOR AWARENESS TIPS FOR RESIDENTS

Solicitations consist of handbills, flyers, and personal contact with residents. While political and religious activities are exempt from permit requirements, the City of Dublin requires all other peddlers and solicitors to obtain a permit from Dublin Police Services, which includes fingerprinting and a criminal history check as part of the process.

Other things to know about solicitors:

- ✓ Individuals must carry a valid Solicitors' Permit issued by Dublin Police Services when they conduct their activities
- ✓ All solicitors must respect "No Soliciting" signs



AS A GENERAL PRACTICE, RESIDENTS SHOULD TREAT SOLICITORS LIKE THEY WOULD ANY STRANGER: WITH CAUTION AND AWARENESS. HELP STOP UNPERMITTED SOLICITING ACTIVITY IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, AND PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR HOME WITH THE TIPS BELOW.

- **ALWAYS VERBALLY RESPOND** to a knock or doorbell ring, and DO NOT automatically open the door. Keep in mind that the only way to assure an ill-intentioned "solicitor" does not peek or barge into your home is to not open the door.
- **OBTAIN A GOOD DESCRIPTION OF HIM OR HER** — use your peephole or windows.
- **INFORM YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP** — share descriptive information about soliciting activity you encounter or witness. Remind neighbors to report suspicious persons and situations to the police.
- **STOP PASSIVE SOLICITATIONS** — if solicitations come in the form of annoying handbills, flyers, or door hangers left on your porch, scan and email them to the police department via trainingsergeant@dublin.ca.gov.
- **CONTACT THE AUTHORITIES** — CALL DUBLIN POLICE DISPATCH AT (925) 462-1212 AND ASK POLICE TO MAKE CONTACT WITH ANY SOLICITOR WHO
 - does not have a permit.
 - becomes confrontational.
 - asks personal questions, makes personal/sexual comments, or makes demands.
 - exhibits suspicious behavior such as nervousness and furtive glances around your home.
 - makes you feel uncomfortable for any reason.