



Safety Tips for Solicitation in Oak Ridge

The Oak Ridge Police Department wants all residents to be aware of what they should do when a stranger approaches their door. Be sure to report all suspicious activity to the ORPD, no matter how minor. Through awareness, knowledge and information sharing, we can keep our neighborhoods safe.

Information You Need To Know: Solicitation in Oak Ridge

1. No matter how you look at it, **A Solicitor is a Stranger!** You wouldn't (or as we're advising, shouldn't) open your door to a stranger, so why would you open your door for a solicitor?

2. Solicitation is illegal in Oak Ridge without a Soliciting Permit:

“Ordinance number 22-2012 makes it unlawful for any person to solicit, for profit or nonprofit, within the city without first obtaining a permit.”

3. Not only is it important for our adult residents to be aware, but it is especially important for our children.

4. Consider this; **it is much harder to close the door once it is opened!** For most, this is a very uncomfortable situation. You're trying to say, “No thank-you,” “I'm not interested,” trying to be polite and close the door. Remember, **DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR!!**

Help Tips:

1. Place a No Solicitors sticker where highly visible on or near your door.
2. Observe first look through a window or door viewer.
3. Only open your door if you know the caller.

Note: If anyone has seen anything related to these suspicious activities, please report this to the Oak Ridge Police Department, E-911 or the non-emergency number is 425-4399.

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