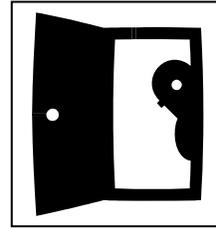


# Arlington Heights Police Department

## SOLICITORS AT YOUR DOOR?



## What you need to know:

### WHAT CAN A RESIDENT DO?

- ❖ Post a weatherproof card (recommended minimum 3" x 4") on or near the main entrance door to the residence or business containing the words: **NO SOLICITORS OR PEDDLERS**. The letters on the card should be reasonably visible.
- ❖ A card posted at a residence is sufficient notice to the solicitor.
- ❖ It is the solicitor's responsibility, whether registered or not, to look for the notice and immediately leave if posted.
- ❖ You may have to point out the posted card and ask the solicitor to leave.
- ❖ If the solicitor refuses to leave - **CALL 911**
- ❖ Be prepared to provide the police the solicitor's description, vehicle information and their last direction of travel.
- ❖ If you allow solicitors and peddlers on your property you can request to see their Permit ID provided by the Building Department.

### Arlington Heights Building Department –Issues Solicitor/Peddler Permits

Peddlers and solicitors are required to obtain permits for door to door soliciting, peddling, soliciting at intersections and site sales. Soliciting at intersections is only permitted for Not for Profit groups. The following requirements and limitations apply:

- ❖ **PERMIT REQUIRED** – no charge
- ❖ Solicitation and tag days at intersections shall be limited to two consecutive days.
- ❖ No soliciting or peddling shall be permitted before the hours of 9:00 A.M. or after the hour of 9:00 P.M. within the Village, and no peddling or soliciting shall be conducted on Sundays.
- ❖ It shall be unlawful for any peddler or solicitor to engage in any form of solicitation other than those specified in the permit application.
- ❖ Individuals canvassing a neighborhood distributing political or religious information are **not** required to apply for a permit.

### TRAFFIC RELATED REQUIREMENTS:

- ❖ Solicitation shall only occur at intersections where all traffic is required to come to a full stop.
- ❖ Individuals soliciting upon streets or highways shall be at least 16 years of age and shall wear a high visibility vest.

**REMEMBER:** Solicitors meeting all the Village of Arlington Heights requirements may still try to victimize citizens. Criminals may pretend to be a solicitor as a diversion or ruse in an attempt to get into a home. Don't open your door if you are unsure and **NEVER** let anyone into your home unless you scheduled an appointment.