

# Door to Door Solicitors

Regardless of where you live, it's important to be aware of the fact that individuals walking around your neighborhood could be criminals scouting for an easy target for a home invasion or burglary. Well-dressed and clean cut strangers are sometimes simply a tactic to fool homeowners and their communities into letting their guard down.

- According to Florida law, individuals who engage in certain door to door solicitation activities that sell, lease or rent consumer goods or services with a purchase price in excess of \$25.00 are required to obtain a Home Solicitation Permit, which is issued by the Clerk of the Court
- Who must obtain a permit? All adults who engage in door-to-door and face-to-face "home solicitation sales" and all adults who supervise minors engaged in home solicitation sales.
- Who Is Exempt from these? Solicitors, salespersons, or agents making calls or soliciting orders on behalf of a religious, charitable, scientific, educational or veterans' institution or organization holding a sales tax exemption certificate.
- Don't be persuaded by limited time offers, aggressive scare tactics or deals that sound too good to be true. Take your time to research the product and company before you buy.
- Be cautious of anyone coming to your home, it could be a scam. Watch for unmarked vehicles canvassing the neighborhood, contractors claiming to have left over materials and can work for you at half the price.

Pinellas County encourages residents to call Consumer Protection at (727) 464-6200 if they suspect a violation of home solicitation sales. The office provides assistance in the resolution of consumer-business disputes, investigates allegations of criminal violations, educates and informs consumer and business communities regarding existing consumer protection laws and regulates high-prescribing health clinics, bingo and adult-use ordinances.

To report suspicious persons or activity, please contact Pinellas County Sheriff's Office by calling the non emergency phone number 727-582-6200