

ROLLING MEADOWS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Dear Resident:

Our City requires all solicitors to register with the Community Development Department and to obtain approval BEFORE knocking on doors. A solicitor is anyone who sells products or services door-to-door in residential neighborhoods. The process to obtain a solicitor's permit includes a background check and fingerprinting. If applicants pass these checks, they are issued a photo ID solicitor card, shown below, which confirms that they are recognized by the City as legitimate sales people.

If a stranger comes to your home, do not open your door. If the stranger claims to be a solicitor, demand that they produce the City issued ID card, which you can view through the peephole of your locked door or through a nearby window. If they do not produce this card, call 9-1-1 and report this to the Police immediately. While many solicitors are legitimate, it is fairly common for scam artists to claim they are legitimate sales people or even workers from the City or a utility company in an effort to gain entry to a home. Again, do not open your door to strangers and call the Police at 9-1-1 immediately if you feel they are suspicious in any way; Officers will respond quickly to investigate.

Example:

	Solicitor/Peddler License Solicitor hours 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.	
License # 2011-_____	Name: John Doe	Phone: 222-222-2222
Address: 3600 Kirchoff Road	Company: _____	
Address: 3600 Kirchoff Road, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008	Date issued: _____	Expiration Date: _____
_____ Solicitor Signature	_____ Business License Officer	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ This license is not transferable and may be revoked at the discretion of the Business License Officer.❖ This license must be worn at all times during solicitation.❖ Solicitor must obey "no solicitation" signs.		