



## CITY OF SHAKOPEE, MINNESOTA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### **Residential Reminders for Working with Door-to-Door Solicitors**

With the arrival of spring, complaints of door-to-door solicitors or peddlers (magazines, cleaning products, etc.) are on the rise. Although many peddlers are licensed by the City, some are exempt from that requirement because of the laws governing interstate commerce.

Here are some tips to remember when working with door-to-door solicitors:

1. Make sure the company is legitimate. If you are unsure, ask for information so you can order later; then research the company. If they are unwilling to let you order later, consider whether this is a company with whom you really want to do business.
2. Remember to provide checks and credit card numbers only to companies and organizations that you know and trust. A check or credit card number can be an opening to thieves for identity theft.
3. Trust your feelings. If you feel uncomfortable with a door-to-door solicitor and don't trust the person, don't buy anything from him or her.
4. If you do buy, hold on to any documentation that you are provided, such as an order form, receipt, etc., until you receive the product.
5. If you've ordered and paid for an item and never received it or the amount you've paid has been adjusted, contact the Police Department.

Residents who do not wish to be contacted by peddlers may post a sign saying so at their main entrance. The signs are available online at [www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/pd\\_peddlers.cfm](http://www.ci.shakopee.mn.us/pd_peddlers.cfm) and are available at the Shakopee Police Department. Solicitors who disregard the sign should be reported to the Police Department.

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