

SAFETY TIPS IF A SOLICITOR COMES TO YOUR DOOR

- Solicitors must have a solicitor's license issued by the City of Jerome signed by the City Clerk and sealed with the city seal. Always ask for documentation and identification.
- Always look through the peep hole or window and see who it is.
- Never open the door to someone you do not know. If you feel uneasy, don't open the door. Call your local law enforcement agency if a solicitor is aggressive or asks to enter your home. Never feel obligated to greet an unfamiliar person knocking at your door.
- Teach your children what to do if they are alone and someone comes to the home or is looking in windows.
- If solicitors try to approach you while you are outside, do not let them approach. Say, "No thank you," walk back into your house and close and lock your door. A conversation only encourages a solicitor.
- If the solicitor does not go peaceably on their way, call the police for assistance.
- Watch where the solicitor goes next and notice what they do. Look for suspicious behavior such as looking in car windows, testing doors for locks, or entering back yards.
- Report aggressive or suspicious solicitors to law enforcement immediately at 911 (aggressive or threatening) or Non-Emergency 208-324-1911 (suspicious). Provide a description of the solicitor and what direction they were headed.
- Follow identify theft prevention guidelines by never giving your credit card information or a check to anyone who solicits you that you do not know. It is often very difficult to determine if someone is legitimately representing a real organization or charity.
- Always keep doors and windows locked. Storm doors or security doors are helpful when dealing with solicitors, because you can see and speak safely through the door.
- Residents can put a "no solicitors" sign on their door to help keep solicitors away.