

## Be Aware of Solicitors

Often at the beginning of each semester, solicitors will move into college communities selling newspapers or magazines. Students should be aware that often these solicitors could be “con-artist.” Here are several things to consider when dealing with a solicitor:

- Solicitors should never be allowed to enter your residence.
- If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!
- Make sure the solicitor has the proper permits to solicit in your community. To verify the validity of the solicitor, ask to see their permit and identification. Permits can be verified Monday – Friday 8am-5pm by calling Student Activities, 845-1133, ask for the Concessions Desk. If there are any doubts or concerns call the Police Department, 979-845-2345.
- Solicitors on the TAMU campus with appropriate permits will only be allowed to solicit in a designated area. At no time are they allowed to enter residence halls or buildings to solicit. If a solicitor is observed in a resident’s hall or building, please contact the University Police immediately.
- If you’re an off campus resident you can verify the validity of the solicitor by asking to see their permit and identification. If you live in the City of Bryan, permits can be verified by calling Development Services 979-209-5010. IF there are any doubts or concerns call the Bryan Police Department, 979-209-5300.
- If you live in the City of College Station, permits can be verified by calling City of College Station Accounting Department, 979-764-3574. IF there are any doubts or concerns call the College Station Police Department, 979-764-3600.

Texas A&M University Police Department

Crime Prevention Unit

979-862-8125

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