



# Neighborhood Watch



## Who's at the Door?

What should you do when a solicitor comes to your door?

**NO SOLICITORS**

Although soliciting is not illegal in The Woodlands, by following the steps below you and your neighbors can deter solicitors from doing business in your neighborhood. All members of The Woodlands Township Neighborhood Watch receive a “No Solicitors” decal, as well as tips on responding to solicitors.

**1** **The most important thing** to remember is: never open the door to someone you do not know. Once you open the door, you could be putting yourself and your loved ones at risk. If you do not have a peephole, consider installing one.

**2** **Make sure** you have a “No Solicitors” decal near or on the door. If solicitors ignore the sticker, point to it (from inside the house) and walk away. If you cannot see the solicitor from inside your home, speak through the door and tell them to leave. You need not worry about hurting the solicitor’s feelings or making him or her angry. A legitimate salesperson will accept your answer and leave.

**3** **If the solicitor refuses** to leave, state (from inside your house) “Leave my property now. If you do not, I will call the police.” Although soliciting is not illegal, trespassing is. Call the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office at 936-442-7797 or the Harris County Precinct 4 Constable’s Office at 281-376-3472. Report that there is a trespasser on your property.

**4** **Do not ignore a solicitor.** The solicitor could be ringing your doorbell as a way to determine if the house is empty and if it is a potential target for burglary.

If you are not yet a member of The Woodlands Township Neighborhood Watch, please contact The Woodlands Township at 281-210-3800 or [neighbor@thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov](mailto:neighbor@thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov).