



# County of Fairfax, Virginia

## NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME CANVASS



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The Reston District Police Station is experiencing an increase in reports of solicitors in neighborhoods. Some of these solicitors are not legitimate. The police department would like to provide some information on the laws surrounding solicitation.

There are two types of solicitors:

- Solicitors who offer merchandise for sale door-to-door or from a temporary stand
- Solicitors who solicit charitable donations for a civic or charitable organization

Rules of solicitation:

- May not solicit in any area that is clearly posted "No Peddlers or Solicitors"
- May operate only between the hours of 9:00 am and 8:00 pm
- Must present solicitor's license to any customer who asks to see it
- Must provide his/her name, name of the company and the nature of the solicitation to any customer when asked
- Must be truthful when stating the purpose of the solicitation
- Must provide a detailed, written receipt for any goods sold when asked by the customer
- Must leave when asked

What to do if you believe a person is soliciting illegally:

- Call the police immediately using the non-emergency number
- Give the police a description of the solicitor and which way the person is traveling
- Once the police arrive, speak with the officers to give them any other information they may require


Numbers to call:

Non-emergency - 703-691-2131

Crime Solvers - 1-866-411-TIPS (8477)

For more information about solicitors in Fairfax County visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dcccp](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dcccp) for the Department of Cable Communications and Consumer Protection.

### Sample of a Solicitors License



NAME Tina Norris			
ADDRESS 9677 Arlington Boulevard, Fairfax, VA 22030			
HEIGHT 5'5"	WEIGHT 110	EYES Blue	HAIR Brown
DOB 12/10/1982		DRIVER LICENSE # T65-11-1111	



**IT IS AGAINST THE LAW**

1. To not have this license in your possession when peddling/soliciting.
2. To refuse to show this license to a purchaser or a police officer.
3. To peddle/solicit before 9:00 a.m. or after 8:00 p.m.
4. To peddle/solicit upon property where signs prohibit such activity.
5. To peddle/solicit from a state highway right of way.
6. To violate the provisions of the Virginia Consumer Protection Act or the Home Solicitation Sales Act.

FAIRFAX COUNTY DOES NOT, BY ISSUING THIS LICENSE, ENDORSE EITHER THE LICENSEE, BUSINESS OR PRODUCT.

**PEDDLERS/SOLICITORS LICENSE**  
TEMPORARY

*Tina Norris*  
Director, Consumer Protection Division  
Dept. of Cable Comm. and Consumer Protection  
CA-136

TYPE OF GOODS Art & Jewelry	NO S06-104
EMPLOYER DeSigns By Tina	PHONE 703-111-2222
EMPLOYER'S ADDRESS 9677 Arlington Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22030	
ISSUED (DATE) 4/12/2005	EXPIRES (DATE) 6/12/2005
LEFT THUMB PRINT 	RIGHT THUMB PRINT 

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Crime Prevention Office  
12000 Bowman Town Drive  
Reston, Virginia 20190  
703-478-0799  
703-478-0904**