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DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITATION TIPS

The City of Black Diamond Police Department offers these tips:

- If you don't feel comfortable or don't want to answer the door, then don't. Tell them you are not interested through the door.
- If you are unsure if a solicitor is legitimate, ask for identification verifying that they are employed by the company they claim to work for. If they don't have any I.D., don't give them any money and tell them to leave.
- Ask to see a solicitor's license. City ordinance 5.12 requires a license issued by the City of Black Diamond for persons engaging in door-to-door selling. The license should be carried by the salesperson and shall be submitted to any police officer or citizen for examination upon request.
- Door-to-door selling is prohibited, by City ordinance, except between the hours of 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. No solicitations shall be made on city-recognized holidays.
- If a solicitor refuses to leave after being asked to, or becomes irate, shut the door. If they still don't leave, call 911.
- If you don't feel comfortable giving the solicitor any money DON'T! Do not let anyone "guilt" you into giving them money or buying their product.
- Do not believe stories such as "I live in your neighborhood", or "My car is broken down just around the corner." If you don't recognize this person as one of your neighbors, they're probably not. If their car is truly broken down, offer to call 911 for them.

At no time should you let any of these people in your house! Not even to use the phone.

And remember; when in doubt always call **9-1-1** or the Non-Emergency # **(360)886-0022**.