

COMMUNITY ALERT



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DOOR TO DOOR SCAM ALERT



DON'T MAKE IT EASY TO BE VICTIMIZED

During the Spring and Summer seasons, certain pockets of Evanston experience an increase in Door to Door Sales Scams. One of the most common and prevalent scams is the door-to-door magazine sales. Typically, young men or women (ranging from late teens to early twenties) will come to your door, giving a sales pitch that may have to do with raising money for a trip overseas for their school, sports team, or even some humanitarian cause. These "sales people" may even have laminated ID badges to show you, along with a sad story. They might also tell you that they are being judged on how well they do with their presentation. Eventually, the catch will come, where you have to purchase something, which is usually a magazine subscription. Sadly, most consumers that end up giving their money away for those subscriptions will never receive a magazine or see their money again.

HOW TO AVOID DOOR-TO-DOOR SCAMS

You can't always trust what your door-to-door alarm salesperson tells you. Here are a couple things to keep in mind when salespeople come knocking...

-  **1 ALWAYS ASK FOR IDENTIFICATION**
including name, company, company information, license and photo.
-  **2 NEVER LET AN UNFAMILIAR SALESPERSON INSIDE THE HOUSE.**
-  **3 BE SURE TO READ THE CONTRACT THOROUGHLY**
before signing. Regardless of what a salesperson tells you, the terms of agreement may be different than what you assume.
-  **4 THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION'S COOLING-OFF RULE**
allows you to cancel any contract signed at a location other than the seller's permanent place of business up to three days after signing.



⊖ PROTECT WHAT MATTERS MOST BY HAVING BOUNDARIES.

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