



Door To Door Sales – Questions you should ask **BEFORE** listening to a sales pitch.

1. **If you have a No Soliciting sign posted by the door,** ask if they saw it.

In most all cases, ignoring the sign or providing any excuse, is against the law. You could call the police and report them, if you choose to. Or, ask them to leave your property- they already are not playing by the rules. How can you trust them moving forward? If you do not have a No Solicitation sign posted, see #2

2. **Show me your Solicitors Permit or License** for your city.

In almost all cities of the Treasure Valley, a City issued permit or license is required. I have listed the details for **Meridian, Nampa, Boise, Eagle and Caldwell** later in this document for you to review. For others simply search your city or town on line: XXXXXXXX door to door permit.

3. **Show me your City issued Identification Card.** Could be the same as #2

This card often is a laminated card worn on a lanyard around the neck. Verify that the photo on the card is the person in front of you. IF not, end the discussion and if you choose, call the police. They are breaking the rules.

4. IF what is being sold is a service or product that meets the definition (detailed later in this document) of a Contractor or Contracting **Company ask them for their Idaho Contractors Registration Number.** This should be an RCE or RCT number. Without that number being provided for any solicitation, they are in violation of Idaho law. You can verify the company and their status with the State at DOPL.idaho.gov.

If a solicitor cannot provide you with what is required BY LAW, you must question why you would ever consider doing business with them. You are not being mean, you are being careful.

In **Meridian, Idaho**, door-to-door sales require a [Mobile Sales Unit \(MSU\) License](#). This license is needed to sell any goods or services door-to-door within the city limits. Applicants must complete an application, pay a fee, provide photos, and undergo a background check.

To obtain an MSU License in Meridian, the following is generally required:

- **Complete the Mobile Sales Unit License Application:** This application is available from the [City of Meridian](#).
- **Provide Two 2" x 2" Color Photographs:** These are typically front-facing photos.
- **Pay the Application Fee:** The fee covers the cost of processing the application and background check.
- **Undergo a Background Check:** This usually involves fingerprinting and a check of criminal history.
- **Provide Proof of Insurance:** This may include general liability insurance and proof of vehicle insurance if applicable.
- **Other Requirements:** Depending on the nature of the business, additional documentation like health approvals or vehicle information may be needed.

In **Nampa, Idaho**, door-to-door sales require a [peddler's license](#). The City of Nampa requires businesses going door-to-door to obtain this license. A peddler's license application can be found on the [City of Nampa website](#). The application requires a fingerprint-based background check, a license fee, and applicant information.

Key requirements for a peddler's license in Nampa:

- **[Peddler's License](#):** Nampa requires a peddler's license for door-to-door sales.
- **Application:** The application can be found on the City of Nampa website.
- **Fees:** The license has a fee of \$25 for 3 months, \$50 for 6 months, or \$100 per year.
- **Fingerprint-based Background Check:** A fingerprint-based background check is required, with a fee of \$42, and it's needed every other year.
- **License Display:** The license must be worn and clearly displayed by each peddler or solicitor.
- **Transfer:** It is unlawful to transfer any license.
- **"No Soliciting" Registry:** Nampa residents can also add their address to the City's "No Soliciting" registry to prevent door-to-door sales at their residence.
- **Three-day right to cancel:** Solicitors must inform customers of their three-day right to cancel a transaction without penalty, [according to KIVI-TV](#).
- **Identification:** Solicitors must have a city-issued identification card, which should be visible when they approach a residence.
- **Reporting Suspicious Activity:** If a solicitor is not displaying a valid license or is behaving suspiciously, it should be reported to the police, [according to the Idaho Press](#).

In **Boise, Idaho**, door-to-door solicitors are required to obtain a [city-issued license](#). This license, which includes the solicitor's photo and the Boise City logo, must be displayed visibly at all times while soliciting. If a solicitor cannot produce a valid license, residents are advised to ask

them to leave and to contact the [Boise Police Department](#), according to the Boise Police Department.

To obtain a Boise City Solicitor's License:

1. **Apply:** Complete the [Solicitor & Peddler License Application](#).
2. **Fees:** Pay the application fee, currently \$50.
3. **Photos:** Provide two 2" x 2" photographs of yourself.
4. **Background Check:** Obtain a Criminal History Record.
5. **Bond:** Submit a cashier's check, surety bond, or letter of credit for at least \$1,000 per application.
6. **Licensing:** The [Ada County Clerk's office](#) issues the license.
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"No Soliciting" Signs: If you have a "No Soliciting" sign, solicitors are not permitted to knock on your door, [according to KIVI-TV](#).

In **Eagle, ID**, door-to-door sales are permitted, but solicitors must obtain a permit from the city. The permit process includes background checks, a bond requirement, and a fee. Solicitors must also display a city-issued identification card when soliciting.

To obtain a permit, solicitors must:

1. **Complete the application:** This includes providing personal information, a description of the business, and details about the proposed method of operation.
2. **Provide a photo:** A passport-sized photo of the applicant is required.
3. **Pay the application fee:** The fee is \$137.00, which includes the cost of the background check.
4. **Submit to background checks:** This includes fingerprinting and a criminal history record check, which can be obtained through the Idaho State Police.
5. **Provide a surety bond or cashier's check:** This is a requirement for individual solicitors as well as businesses with employees.
6. **Carry and display the permit:** Once issued, the permit must be carried by the solicitor and displayed upon request.

In **Caldwell, Idaho**, individuals engaging in door-to-door sales must obtain a [peddler's license](#) from the City Clerk's office. This license is required for those who go door-to-door to sell goods or services. The application process includes a fee, photographs, a criminal history record check (including fingerprints), and a surety bond or letter of credit.

To obtain a peddler's license in Caldwell, follow these steps:

1. **Obtain and complete the application form:** The application form can be found on the City of Caldwell website or picked up at the City Clerk's office.
2. **Submit the application:** The completed application, along with the required documentation and fees, should be submitted to the City Clerk's office.
3. **Pay the application fee:** The application fee is \$55.
4. **Provide photographs:** Two passport-sized photos (2" x 2") are required.

5. **Undergo a background check:** This includes obtaining a fingerprint card from the City Clerk, submitting it to the Idaho State Police or Canyon County DMV for processing, and returning the card to the City Clerk with the processing fee (\$33.25).
6. **Provide proof of a state of Idaho resale number:** This is required for those selling goods.
7. **Provide a surety bond or letter of credit:** This must be for at least \$1,000 per applicant, with a maximum of \$5,000 for businesses with multiple employees, [according to Ada County](#).

For the record, Girl Scouts School Marching Bands or the Soccer team are not in business to sell. They are fund raising, maybe with cookies, or tickets. They do not apply to these requirements.

So if you want to have the ultimate experience with these folks, have your phone camera recording or your ring doorbell recording when you answer the door. Ask them if they saw your NO SOLICITORS sign. If they say yes and try to proceed, they could be committing a misdemeanor depending where you live. And you now have it on camera!

The information in this document came from summaries generated by searching individual cities online.

Definitions: TITLE 54 CHAPTER 52 IDAHO CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION ACT 54-5201.

(3) "Construction" means the performance of building, **altering, repairing**, adding to, subtracting from, **improving**, reconstructing, moving, excavating, wrecking or demolishing any building, highway, road, bridge, or other structure, project, development or improvement to real property, or to do any part thereof, including the erection of scaffolding or other structures or works in connection therewith.

(4) "**Contractor**" means: (a) Any person who in any capacity undertakes, offers to undertake, purports to have the capacity to undertake, or **submits a bid to, or does himself or by or through others, perform construction**; or (b) A construction manager who performs construction management services.