

# Solicitors

A number of incidents involving unauthorized soliciting have been reported in Solera recently. A Trespass flier provided by the LVMPD, posted at <https://solera.today/nw-lib/trespass.pdf>, provides some *legal* guidance on how to deal with trespassers, e.g. solicitors. It seems sensible to expand on that based on recent experiences here in Solera to offer some *unsolicited* (Forgive the pun) practical advice.

It appears that recent soliciting efforts have fallen into a number of categories.

1. Simple sales efforts, selling widgets or services.
2. Devious sales efforts, with the solicitor hinting that he represents a trusted agency.
3. Misrepresentation of the person's affiliation for some purpose, probably illegal.
4. Religious individuals looking for converts.

No. 1 is clear. While we can't really fault vendors for trying to make a living, it's still not allowed.

No. 2 - Here's an actual example of an event that happened to the author. A person rings the door bell, asking, "Is this the home of \_\_\_\_\_?" Answering in the affirmative, the solicitor then explains that we're on a NV Energy list because of our roof angle. Obviously a solar energy salesman who was shooed from the property and threatened with arrest.

No. 3 was demonstrated recently by two individuals knocking on doors claiming to be representatives of Solera at Stallion Mountain. While their intent was not clear, lying about it indicates really bad intentions.

No. 4 - While these people might have good intentions, it's still not allowed.

And no matter *who* the solicitor might be, you have every right to think that someone is casing your property.

What should you do? You have to use your own judgment here. If a simple salesperson, asking them to leave might be enough. If you feel it's a threat, then maybe calling 911 is appropriate. But **NEVER** invite an unknown person into your home. And opening your door if there's no security door in place is an invitation that you may regret. And NEVER confront them. Stay behind your locked security door.

As seniors, we are prime targets. We need to be proactive in protecting ourselves.

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