

YORKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWSLETTER

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Solicitors & Hawkers

We have been receiving several inquiries regarding our laws governing people who come to your door and try to sell you something. The questions range from do they have to be licensed and can they come on my property.

The United City of Yorkville does have an ordinance that regulates the activity of door to door sales people. All solicitors and hawkers have to be licensed through the city, which entails completing an application, paying a fee and completing a background check. The salesperson has to carry their license with them and produce it when asked.

A child under the age of fourteen must be accompanied by an adult in order to solicit in the city. The hours of soliciting are set at Monday-Friday 9:00AM-8:00PM and Saturday 9:00AM-5:00PM. If the aforementioned laws are not adhered to a non-mandatory appearance citation could be issued with a \$100 fine or a mandatory appearance ticket with up to a \$750 fine.

A notice regulating soliciting can be placed in your window and must be a minimum size of 3"x4" card stating NO SOLICITORS INVITED.

Sun Safety Helpful Hints

Generously Apply Sunscreen

Generously apply sunscreen to all exposed skin using an SPF of at least 15 that provides broad-spectrum protection from both ultraviolet A (UVA) and

ultraviolet B (UVB) rays. Reapply every two hours, even on cloudy days, and after swimming or sweating.

Wear Protective Clothing

On days when it is hotter outside than it is in your body, clothing insulates you from heat as it does from cold. Wearing light-colored, lightweight clothing, a wide brimmed hat, and sunglasses prevents heatstroke and sun damage in several ways:

- By reflecting sunlight away from the skin and eyes without absorbing so much of the heat.
- By keeping natural oils or lotions where they belong, on your body, rather than being evaporated into the air along with your sweat.
- By preventing these oils from being exposed to the heat and sunlight where they can.
- Light-colored, lightweight clothing wicks some of the sweat away from the skin to keep you comfortable, but retains enough of it to help the sweat do its job of keeping you cool. In many other warm parts of the world, people dress modestly in summer for religious reasons and still manage to keep cool.

Use Extra Caution Near Water, Snow and Sand

Water, snow and sand reflect the damaging rays of the sun, which can increase your chance of sunburn.

Watch/Listen for the UV Index

The UV Index provides important information to help you plan your outdoor activities in ways that prevent overexposure to the sun.

Get Vitamin D Safely

Get vitamin D safely through a diet that includes vitamin supplements and foods fortified with Vitamin D. Don't seek the sun.

Seek Shade

Seek shade when appropriate remembering that the sun's UV rays are strongest between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Remember the shadow rule when in the sun: Watch Your Shadow. No Shadow, Seek Shade! For further information please contact www.skincancerprevention.org

Sun Safety Packing List

Summer will be here soon, prepare your family not to get burned.

- A wide-brimmed hat
- Broad-spectrum sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor of 15 or higher (in your checked luggage if you are traveling via airline)
- Sunglasses
- Lip balm
- An umbrella
- Long-sleeved, light-weight shirts and pants

A list of museums/other in-door sites to visit during the sun's peak UV hours (between 10am and 4pm)

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Pool Chemicals Cause Thousands of Injuries Annually

As many as 5,200 people are treated in emergency rooms across the country each year for injuries related to pool chemicals, according to a new report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Nearly half of these injuries occur at residential pools.

Most often, injuries occur when individuals inhale, attempt to pre-dissolve or improperly handle pool chemicals, CDC said. To protect against such injuries, of both public and residential pool operators adequately secure pool chemicals, read manufacturers' instructions on all products and use proper personal protective equipment when working with chemicals. The agency particularly cautions against mixing chlorine products with any other substance.



Pool chemicals are very dangerous but are sometimes considered mundane household products and are treated as the same. This routine mindset is one of the most risky behaviors regarding these chemicals. Treat them for what they are, dangerous, noxious, poisons that are caustic in some circumstances and can also kill easily in others.

Vacation Watches

This is the time of year when families are going on vacation. There are a few simple ways to ensure that your home is safe upon your return. The first and most basic way is to make sure that your home is secure upon your leaving. Make sure that all windows are locked and all doors are locked, including the knob locks and deadbolts. Timers for various lights in the home could aid in making it less obvious that there is no one home. Make sure to set a timer for outside lights to illuminate the home at night. Have a neighbor take in newspaper or mail or have both stopped temporary.

If you will be gone for an extended period of time, make arrangements that either a neighbor comes and mows the lawn, or a family member. By doing this, it will be less obvious that a family is out of town by providing a lived in look of the home.

Go to the police department and file a vacation watch. What this is, is information being left with the department about the times and dates that you will be gone. Officers can then sporadically check on the home and make sure that it is secure.

Also, an overlooked task: set the air conditioner at a temperature that will not cause any candles in the home to melt such as 80 degrees. If there are animals being left in the residence, make sure to keep the temperature as to not cause the animals to become

overly warm. Leave a lot of water for any pets that will be left behind, as well as a large supply of food. Have a neighbor check in on the pets throughout the time that they will be alone.

If a family member is checking in on the home, leave a contact number that you can be reached and an itinerary. That way, if there is any problem with the home (i.e. broken water pipes, burglary, or any damage) there is a way that you can be contacted. Leave with this information a list of vehicles that might be coming in and out of the home or vehicles that will be parked in the garage. The individuals who are watching the home will then know that the cars either belong or do not.

By taking these steps, you can make your vacation much more relaxing with the piece of mind of knowing that your home is safe, secure, and will be in the same condition when you get back as it was when you left.



On the Web

City Ordinances & Information:
www.yorkville.il.us

Illinois Laws:
www.legis.state.il.us

Secretary of State:
www.cyberdriveillinois.com