

Door-Knocking Safety Toolkit

Tell someone what you are doing. Let a friend, coworker, or family member know what area you will be in and what your plans are.
Keep your phone charged. Bring a travel charger with you and always have a way of getting in touch with someone. If you can, keep your location on on your phone and check in periodically.
Check the weather. Bring sunscreen, an umbrella, a personal fan, and anything you might need to help combat the elements.
Go during the day. Like your mom always said, nothing good happens after dark.
Beware of 'No Solicitors' signs. If someone doesn't want you to ring their doorbell, don't.
Keep your distance. After knocking or ringing, step back from the door to remain at a neutral and safe distance.
Have a friendly disposition. Attitude is everything. Be friendly even if you are met with irritation.
Stay aware. Trust your gut and keep your eyes and ears open for anything that makes you feel uncomfortable. It's OK to walk away.
Take no for an answer. If someone says they aren't interested, don't be too pushy.
Know your exit plan. Ideally, keep a line of sight to your car at all times. Have your car keys ready or plan another form of a quick exit.