

Solicitation in Dover, MA

I. Application requirements

Each salesperson must apply individually to the Dover Police Department during posted administrative hours by submitting a completed application, which shall require:

1. Government-issued photographic identification
2. Date of birth
3. Social security number
4. Permanent residential address
5. Home telephone number
6. Temporary local address
7. Current cell phone number
8. Sales organization information
9. Sales supervisor identity
10. Make, model, color, and registration number of any vehicle(s) used to transport the sales agent(s), his or her supervisor, or sales materials
11. Such other verifying information as may be reasonably required
12. The application will be considered and acted upon within two business days of its submission. If not acted upon within two business days, the applicant shall be notified.

II. Background Check

Subject to the provisions of the Massachusetts Criminal Records Offender Statute, MGL c. 6, § 167 et seq., the Dover Police Department shall conduct a criminal records check of each applicant for a Town of Dover door-to-door sales permit to determine the applicant's fitness and suitability to conduct door-to-door sales.

III. No Solicitation List

The No Solicitation List shall be established and maintained by the Dover Police Department. Residents may submit their property for inclusion on the list without charge.

Upon approval and issuance of a Town of Dover door-to-door sales permit, each salesperson shall be provided with a copy of the No Solicitation List.

IV. Regulations

No salesperson shall engage in door-to-door sales without first having applied for and received a Town of Dover door-to-door sales permit.

1. No sales organization shall allow any salesperson to engage in door-to-door sales who has not applied for and received a Town of Dover door-to-door sales permit.

2. No sales supervisor shall direct, supervise, or allow any salesperson to engage in door-to-door sales who has not applied for and received a Town of Dover door-to-door sales permit.
3. No salesperson shall enter within the perimeter of any residential property included on the No Solicitation List. In addition to the fine(s) established below, inclusion of a residential property on the No Solicitation List shall constitute notice prohibiting trespass under MGL c. 266, § 120.
4. No salesperson shall solicit sales from a person situated within a residential property included on the No Solicitation List from a street, sidewalk or other adjacent property.
5. Each salesperson shall carry the Town of Dover door-to-door sales permit at all times while engaged in door-to-door sales and shall display said permit upon request by any police officer, Town official, or any person present at a residential property where door-to-door sales is solicited.
6. No salesperson or supervisor shall use any vehicle to transport persons or materials for door-to-door sales unless said vehicle is identified in the Town of Dover door-to-door sales permit application.
7. Door-to-door sales shall not be conducted except during the hours between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.