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TIPS FOR DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITATIONS

Recently, the Montgomery County Office of Consumer Protection (OCP) has received reports of area high school kids going door-to-door offering magazine subscriptions, candy, or even dog treats. The students claim that they are 'gaining points' to qualify for a trip or trying to cover the trip cost. The OCP warns area schools and students to be on the lookout for companies offering to help you earn money by going door-to-door.

1. Do NOT get dropped off at a location without having a way of getting home. You may find yourself far from home, in severe weather without a way of getting home quickly.
2. If you accept the job, work in PAIRS.
3. Ask the company to provide you with a DOOR TO DOOR PERMIT. Montgomery County requires a permit for persons going door to door. Homeowners will ask you if you have your permit.
4. If a company tells you that you are collecting donations, be sure to CHECK ONLINE at <https://sos.maryland.gov/Charity/Pages/SearchCharity.aspx> or call to verify they are a registered charity.
5. Contact the Maryland Department of Labor (T: 410.767.2357) regarding any wage issues.
6. Do NOT post recruitment materials at your school before verifying that an organization is legitimate.
7. Contact OCP if you need help researching an organization.