

## Don't's

- Don't peer into windows. It's rude
- Don't cut across yards. Always use sidewalks and driveways.
- Don't put fliers or other materials in mailboxes. It is a federal offense.
- Don't lean on railings (they break).
- Don't conduct the survey with children. If a child answers the door, ask them if their parents are home. If not, leave them with literature and leave.
- Don't argue. We're not here to get into a theological debate. Listen respectfully, and move on.
- Don't enter the home. If they offer for you to come in, say, "No thanks, the survey is short and we have more homes to visit." (I break this rule often, but I'm adult. If you send out a team of just youth, this becomes MUCH MORE important)
- Don't talk about the "call" until *after* you are in the street, and even then, do so in hushed tones, or for the sake of clarifying information. You'll debrief when you return to the church.
- Don't goof off. No poking each other. No running around. No tugging on hair or tickling one another.

## Do's

- Do speak up! Speak up! Speak up! Speak firmly and clearly. \*Most important of all.\*
- Do be thankful! Always thank people for their time, even if they only answer the door to tell you they don't want to take the survey.
- Do smile. A kind smile opens doors and ears for the gospel.
- Do respect their time. If they answer the door and tell you they are busy making supper. Offer them the gospel literature and leave.
- Do pray. Pray that the Holy Spirit would create/strengthen faith.
- Do write legibly. The person recording the information must write legibly.
- Honor "no soliciting" signs. These don't even register as "not homes" on your recording forms. It's as though the homes do not exist. Walk to the next home, do not leave literature at these doors. The Holy Spirit will need to reach these people by a different manner.
- Do keep a "poker face." Don't scowl, roll eyes, snicker, or "huff" when you hear a response (for good or bad). You're not here to judge them by your reactions. You're here to take a survey and share the gospel.
- Do ring the doorbell, or **knock loudly enough** for people to know you're at the door. If you can't tell if the doorbell worked, wait ten seconds or so and then knock firmly.
- Do compliment the home, if the opportunity to do so presents itself. (e.g. "You have a beautiful home." or "I must say, the flowers along your driveway are absolutely gorgeous")

## Miscellanea

- Due to the increasing presence of Ring® and Eufy® door cams, **YOU MUST ASSUME THAT YOU ARE BEING RECORDED AT ALL TIMES!!!** Don't do something that would make you go viral on the internet and ruin the reputation of the hosting congregation or Christianity.
- If you don't feel safe, then leave.
- Dogs. There are lots of dogs. Don't be distracted by them. Sometimes, you can make judicious small talk by asking, "What's your dog's name?" or "What kind of dog is that?" If you spend more time talking about someone's dog than you did taking the survey, you've overdone it.