

# LOITERING

## I. On Private Property

- A. Document the times and areas when and where loitering is occurring. Also document descriptions and numbers of participants, and type of activities occurring.
- B. Meet with owners/managers of residential rental property and tell them you are concerned with the loitering occurring on their property. This may be occurring because of the behavior of one or more of their tenants. A lease may be written that limits the number and times guests can visit and regulate the conduct of residents and guests. Managers/owners should follow up violations with written warnings and evictions.
- C. Property owners can participate in the Minneapolis Police No Trespassing program. After owners authorize the police to act as their agent and post the official No Trespassing signs, Minneapolis Police can enforce trespassing on their property.

- D. Business owners can post their property No Trespassing during specific hours when the business is closed, e.g., "No Trespassing 10 p.m. to 7 a.m."
- E. CPTED — Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design. Property can be made less amenable to trespassing by making physical changes to the property, such as fencing, lighting, posting signs, planting flowers/shrubs, trimming trees and bushes. Ask your SAFE team for additional CPTED information.

## II. On Public Property

Loitering by itself is not against the law. It is appropriate to call 911 if you believe the loiterers are violating laws such as consuming intoxicating beverages in public, loitering to solicit for prostitution, begging, disorderly conduct, and interfering with pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

Talk to others who are affected by this behavior and urge them to report it. Be specific in describing the persons and what they are doing.

## CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS TRESPASSING ORDINANCE

### 385.380 Trespassing upon the land of another.

- a. No person shall intentionally trespass on the land of another and, without claim of right, refuse to depart therefrom on demand of the lawful possessor thereof or his agent. A demand to depart may be made as follows:
  - (1) Orally, or in writing, by the lawful possessor or the possessor's agent; or,
  - (2) By conspicuously posting at reasonable intervals signs which prohibit trespass on the affected land; or,
  - (3) By conspicuously posting at reasonable intervals signs which prohibit trespass on the affected land during certain hours.
- b. No person who has received a written demand to depart pursuant to clause (1) of paragraph (a) of this section shall reenter the lawful possessor's land without the written permission of the lawful possessor or the agent providing said demand for a period of up to ninety (90) days from the date of the written demand, as provided therein.



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