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Many of us want to help those less fortunate, especially when asked directly by someone for money.

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HELP

Here's how...

KNOW THE FACTS

Downtown Cincinnati Inc.'s social service outreach coordinator, through efforts to connect individuals with the assistance they need to make their way off the streets, works with many organizations in our community each and every day. **Please consider giving to these organizations that are devoted to making a true, sustainable difference in the lives of those less fortunate.**

The information within this handout is intended to educate you, the public, and to offer suggestions of how to get involved in making a lasting difference.

In summary, it is legal to panhandle except:

- Within 20 feet of an automatic teller machine or entrance to a bank
- When the person being solicited is:
 - At a bus stop
 - Within 20 feet of any crosswalk
 - Standing in line waiting to be admitted to a commercial establishment
- From any operator or occupant of a motor vehicle
- On private property without permission from the owner
- In any public transportation vehicle
- ANY verbal panhandling from 8pm to 7am (during Daylight Savings Time) and 7pm to 7am (when Daylight Savings Time is not in effect)

**Reference: City of Cincinnati Municipal Code, Sec. 910-12*

Aggressive panhandling is illegal.

It involves:

- Soliciting with the intent to intimidate another person into giving money or valuables
- Soliciting in a manner that impedes access to a destination, is threatening, involves physical contact or abusive language, or is nonstop

Know Your Resources:

- Call 911 if you feel threatened.
- If you feel you have been *aggressively* panhandled, **contact the City of Cincinnati Police immediately (513-765-1212).**
- If you need assistance, seek out a downtown safety ambassador by calling (513) 623-3429, the DCI Ambassador Hotline; or (513) 765-1212 Cincinnati Police Department.

You Can Help Through...

THE GIFT OF TIME: Take advantage of rewarding volunteer opportunities at a local service provider.

THE GIFT OF CASH: Make tax-deductible donations directly to the non-profit agencies that are devoted to making a real difference in the lives of those who are struggling.

To learn more about services or volunteer opportunities, dial 2-1-1 or visit uwgc.org/211.