



BEST PRACTICES FOR YOUR BUSINESS

WHEN ADDRESSING HOMELESS AND TRANSIENT ACTIVITY

❖ *Because everyone counts, no matter where they live.* ❖

WHAT ARE THE LAWS?

IT IS NOT ILLEGAL...

- ...to be homeless.
- ...to be intoxicated in public or on private property.
- ...to panhandle on public property.

IT IS ILLEGAL...

- ...to trespass on private property.
- ...to trespass when previously warned.
- ...to harass someone (grabbing or persistent annoying behavior).
- ...to urinate, defecate, or expose oneself in public.
- ...to drink an open container of alcohol in public.

HELPFUL TIPS:

- **LOITERING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY**
 - It is not illegal to loiter on public property.
 - If an individual is obstructing an entrance or passage, you can ask them to move on.
 - If an individual has an aggressive behavior, you can call 911.
- **LOITERING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY**
 - Respectfully, yet assertively ask individual(s) to leave the property.
 - If individual won't leave business or property, call non-emergency police number, 303-651-8501.
 - If individual becomes difficult and you feel unsafe, call 911.
 - Police can issue a "No Trespassing Notice" to the individual.
 - Restrict access to overhangs, alcoves, or other protected areas during inclement weather.
 - Trim landscaping to eliminate hiding places.
- **SAFETY**
 - If you feel an individual or situation is dangerous and requires emergency attention, call 911.
- **TRASH**
 - If you find litter/trash on or around your property, please dispose of it as best you can. If trash becomes a recurrent problem please contact the Longmont EDP at 303-651-0128 who will work with the City of Longmont to assist you.
 - Keep trash dumpsters locked when not being filled or emptied.
 - Secure outside storage sheds or containers.
- **POSSESSIONS LEFT ON PROPERTY**
 - If you suspect someone is camping or staying overnight, you can leave a note asking them to "Please move by this date" or call HOPE and they will check on the individual and help move them.
- **PROPERTY DAMAGE**
 - If you experience damage to your property, document (take pictures) and report/send to police and to your insurance company.
- **PANHANDLING**
 - Do not offer food or money. It may encourage more panhandling. If you are inclined to help the homeless, provide them with information on community resources.

HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS:

- Police Non-Emergency: 303-651-8501
- Police Main Number: 303-651-8555
- Longmont Fire Main Number: 303-651-8437
- Longmont Economic Development Partnership: 303-651-0128

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DAYTIME COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

OUR CENTER

303-772-5529 | 220 Collyer St. | www.ourcenter.org

HOURS: Monday – Saturday: 8:00am – 5:00pm, Sunday: 11:30am – 1:00pm

- **Community Cafe:** Serving a hot breakfast every Mon.-Fri., lunch every day
- **Community Market:** Open Monday - Friday, 9:30am - 4:30pm
- **Community Closet:** Open Monday - Friday, 9:30am - 4:30pm
- **Support Network:** Rent & utility assistance, housing referrals, employment referrals, family law resources, substance abuse resources, mobility access, health care access, mental health resources
- **Personal Development:** Classes and training for life skills, financial skills, nutrition, culinary arts, and budget counseling
- **Family Forward:** Childcare, education, and parenting support
- **Transportation**
- **Case Management**
- **Shelter Referrals**

NIGHTTIME COMMUNITY RESOURCES:

HOPE

(Homeless Outreach Providing Encouragement)

Street Outreach: 720-210-7217 | Office: 720-494-4673 | www.hopeforlongmont.org

- **Emergency Warming Shelters**
 - Open every night mid-November to mid-March.
 - Homeless must register for a shelter daily. Space is limited, so beds will be assigned via lottery.
 - How to register:
 - TEXT: Text their HOPE I.D. to 720-605-4673.
 - ONLINE: Visit www.hopeforlongmont.org
 - PHONE: Call 720-605-4673. This method should be used if they do not have a HOPE I.D.
 - Additional services include showers, laundry, case management, job training, and medical care provided by Hopelight Medical Clinic.
- **Nightly Street Outreach, 6-9pm**
 - Provides food, water, clothing, hygiene kits, blankets, etc.
 - Provides transportation to available shelter and medical treatment facilities – Call 720-210-7217 for more info.
- **Evening Drop-In Center**
 - Open Mondays – Thursdays, 2pm – 8pm.
 - Provides access to showers, laundry, and computers.
- **Transitional Storage**
 - Provides a safe place to keep their belongings while at work, seeking employment, at classes or appointments.
- **Emergency Assistance**
 - Call HOPE office at (720) 494-4673 for assistance.
 - HOPE provides emergency sheltering, medical respite, motel vouchers, bridge rent, fills prescriptions, gas for cars, bus passes, and laundry vouchers.

AGAPE FAMILY SERVICES

303-774-7994 | 10656 Park Ridge Ave | www.agapelongmont.org

- **Safe Haven Sheltering Program**
 - Available every night during the core winter months, mid-Nov to mid-March. In fall and spring the shelter opens based on weather conditions.
 - 25-person capacity, selected from an application and interview process. When a guest enters the program, they have a guaranteed bed for the season.
- **Employment opportunities at the shelter for qualified candidates**