



Handling Panhandling So Panhandlers Won't Handle YOU!

Urban areas are full of people bustling to and from their jobs, restaurants, clubs, stores, etc. That's why such places are so attractive to panhandlers -- people who beg for money. Here is the 411 on panhandling...

First try to **ignore the panhandler and keep walking**. If this does not work, **firmly say "NO"**.

"Aggressive Panhandling" is illegal. Call 911 or the non-emergency number 231-1212 when:

Someone approaches you or speaks in a threatening manner to intimidate, compel or force a donation.

A panhandler persists in panhandling after you have said "No".

A panhandler blocks your path or touches you without consent.

It is also unlawful for any person to engage in the act of panhandling when:

Within 50 feet of an ATM or entrance to a bank.

Within 30 feet of entry to any building open to the public, including commercial establishments.

At any sidewalk café, on private property or inside a business.

Within 20 feet of any crosswalk.

After 8:00 p.m. and before 7:00 a.m.

If you want to assist those in need, the Central West End Association initiated the **Real Change** program. Funds can be sent directly to their office at 4814 Washington Blvd. suite 302 or donated into one of the **Real Change** meters found around the CWE. All donations go to Trinity's Food Pantry. For more information on Real Change, visit the CWEA website at <http://www.thecwe.com/>