

Door Posting – Notice to Guests and Law Enforcement

Below is a sign that can be cut out and posted on the *inside* of your door for residents or guests to read.

IF SOMEONE IS AT THE DOOR AND YOU DON'T KNOW WHO IT IS:

If you are not a resident, tell the person that they do not have permission to enter and to wait at the door while you get a resident.

Once a resident arrives:(try to have a witness with you)

- 1. Ask the visitor to identify their self.
- 2. Ask if they are **police** or **working with or for the police**.

If YES, ask if they have a search warrant. If they DO NOT, tell them politely, but firmly, that they do not have consent to enter the premises under any circumstances.

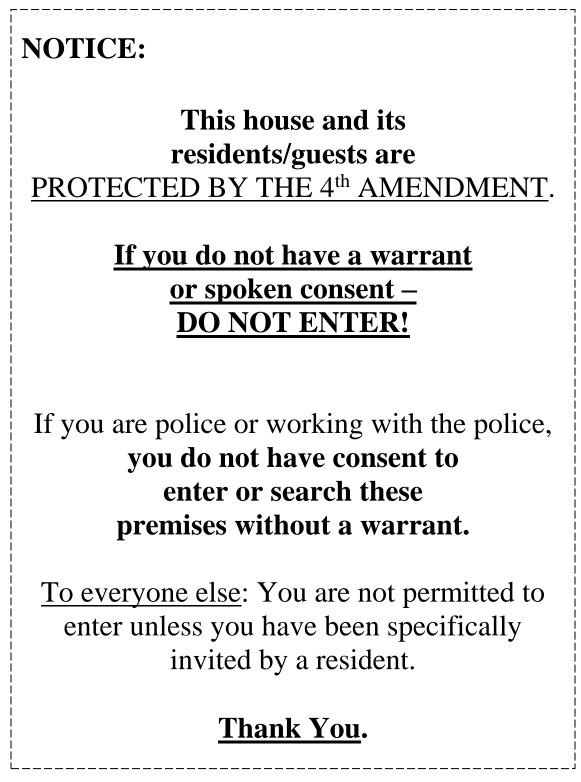
You then have two options:

- 1. Offer to have a (sober/over 21) resident talk to the officer <u>OUTSIDE</u>. Remain calm.
- 2. You may also close the door and stop all communication with the officer, no matter what they tell you otherwise.

REMEMBER

If the police do not have a warrant, do not say anything.

Below is a sign that can be cut out and posted on the outside of your door for non-invited guests to read. This sign is not intended or suggested to be used for dorm rooms.



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