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**CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS:
CHECK THEM OUT!**

Summer is here and folks are out and about, including commercial solicitors and individuals requesting charitable donations. One charitable group, Teens Against Drug Abuse out of Richmond, VA has been in our City recently requesting donations on behalf of the organization that claims to support youth programs and summer trips to keep kids off drugs. Several teens have been dropped off from vans and have been going door to door, unattended, selling candy on behalf of the organization. Upon investigation, the police department discovered this particular organization is not permitted to solicit in the Commonwealth of Virginia. While charitable organizations may not need a City Solicitor's Permit, they do need other documentation and permits. Do you know how to verify the legitimacy and status of a charitable organization?

The Virginia Office of Consumer Affairs has a website where you can search the name of a charitable organization and ascertain their status. Simply go to: <http://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/consumers/> and click on "searchable databases." By entering the name of the organization, you can determine whether they are "non-profit" or "for profit," as well as whether or not they are permitted to solicit anywhere in Virginia. As always, if you encounter a suspicious individual or someone soliciting who does not have proper identification or permits, please call the police non-emergency number (385-5000) and ask for an officer to check them out.

For more crime prevention tips, please call the Virginia Beach Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit at 385-1006 or visit www.vbgov.com/police and select Crime Prevention.

SEARCH OUR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION DATABASE

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| Primary Name: | Teens Against Drug Abuse |
| Other Names: | |
| Federal Employer ID Number (EIN) | 753223246 |
| Address: | 101 Poe St., Apt. 40 Richmond VA, 23222 |
| Current Registration Expires: | |
| Registration Extended Until: | N/A |
| Registration Filing Status: | Organization is not authorized to solicit in Virginia |
| IRS Filing Status: | PROFIT |

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