



SAFETY AND SECURITY PROCEDURES

MASF leadership, after consulting with several security consultants, recommends that MASF volunteers take the following steps to insure the safety of our grassroots volunteers during their deployment. To date, none of our volunteers have experienced any direct safety concerns while deployed. Our goal is to keep our volunteers safe. Specific recommendations include:

- Try to determine if the mayor, city council, and District Attorney in the city you will be block walking is letting police do their jobs. Local Victory offices should already know the situation.
- National and state Republican parties may want to consider hiring plainclothes policemen, particularly during the last 15 days before election day, to guard the Victory Centers and any campaign rallies.
- Do advance work before you deploy to a battleground area. It is possible that governments in blue areas may not encourage their police force to protect volunteers doing block walking. Reach out in advance to local law enforcement agencies and ask them if they will help protect volunteers if there is a problem. Ask for a point of contact and mobile number to call if there is any problem.
- Ask the police sergeant or lieutenant if they will respond quickly if there is a problem with troublemakers. Unless you have developed a comfort level working with local police authorities and local governments, do not automatically assume that police will be there to help if called.

- Ask the District Attorney if they will prosecute criminals if they destroy property or try to harm individuals.
- If an incident does occur, try to take photos with your phone so long as it does not compound the situation.
- Avoid campaign specific clothing when block walking to draw less attention from any troublemakers. Wearing campaign specific clothing at rallies or at the Victory Center is not a problem.
- Drive an area the day before you walk it to observe possible escape routes. On the day you walk, take notice of any signs of potential trouble.
- We recommend that our block walkers walk in groups of four, two on each side of the street, in a vehicle with a local driver that is familiar with the area. We want all our volunteers to be walking with a car nearby. The vehicle should remain near the door knockers at all times and, in the event any troublemakers should appear, volunteers should immediately get back in the car and the driver should immediately leave the area.
- Many mobile phones have a “walkie talkie app”. Install it if you can so you can stay in touch with your local driver and other volunteers.
- More than likely, you will be knocking on friendly doors while block walking.
- Avoid block walking in apartments. Many residents in apartments are not registered to vote.
- State parties will likely assign you to walk friendly areas knocking on doors of supporters to turn out the vote, particularly during the last 15 days before election day.
- Make sure the state party staff know where you will be block walking each day. Get their mobile number to call in the event any problems occur.
- Be aware of your surroundings and any unusual people on blocks you walk at all times.

- Have a good communication system in place with state GOP staff and other volunteers.
- Never walk alone or after dark.
- The landlord of a GOP Victory Center office may already have security contacts and information about the local Mayor, City Council, DA, and police department they can share with you.
- Ask the local Victory Center if they can help provide local volunteers to drive door-knocking groups to their blockwalking areas.
- When knocking on doors, we recommend you hang a door hanger on a door and then knock or ring the doorbell, then step back 10 feet to keep social distancing when someone answers the door.
- Plastic face shields may be a good idea and can help you keep your eyes and face safe while having a conversation with each voter.
- Understand that many troublemakers are highly organized and well-funded. We just need to be on guard to stay safe.
- Uber drivers frequently avoid troubled areas. Do NOT assume that Uber will be available to pick you up from a location.

In the event you have other security related questions, you can email Jim Napolitano at: jnapolitano@usssinc.com

Be smart. Stay safe! ONWARD TO VICTORY!