



Home/Business Security Assessments: Are you concerned about the safety and security of your home or business? If so, call us to schedule a free security assessment. We will make recommendations and offer suggestions on how you can better safeguard your home or business.



Neighborhood Watch Training: We will not be scheduling any more monthly training sessions at the station due to the low turnout of people. If your community is interested in receiving Neighborhood Watch training, please call us and we will schedule a time to come to your community to give the training.



Franconia child safety seat checks appointment line
703-922-8906



Citizen's Advisory Committee

Franconia Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Franconia District Police Station. The next scheduled meetings are Wednesday, May 16 and June 21 at 7:30 p.m.; social time starts at 7:00 p.m. The CAC works; these meetings are very informative and help keep residents of the Franconia area aware of police activity in their community. Everyone is welcome, so please join us.



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This document is available in an alternative format upon request. Please call the Fairfax County Police Department at 703-246-7562. TTY 703-204-2264. Allow seven working days for preparation of the material.

MODIP: The Mature Operators Driver Improvement Program is offered to residents 55 years of age and older. Sanctioned by the American Automobile Association, this 8-hour course may result in insurance premium reductions as mandated by Virginia. Classes are normally held the second Saturday at the station from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fee is \$10 per person for books and materials. MODIP reservation line is 703-924-6588.



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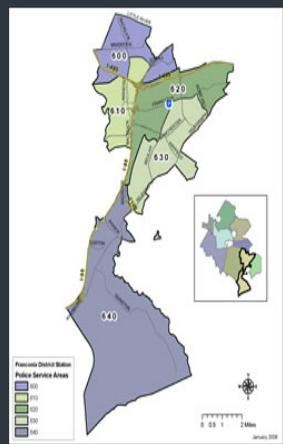
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FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Community Parking District

CPD Restricts Residential Area

Parking of:

- watercraft,
- boat trailers,
- motor homes,
- camping trailers, or
- any other trailer or semi-trailer, regardless of whether such trailer or semi-trailer is attached to another vehicle;
- any vehicle with three or more axles;
- any vehicle that has a gross vehicle weight rating of 12,000 or more pounds except school buses used on a current and regular basis to transport students;
- any vehicle designed to transport 16 or more passengers including the driver, except school buses used on a current and regular basis to transport students; and
- any vehicle of any size that is being used in the transportation of hazardous materials.



Large Area CPD

Community Parking District Program (CPD) Large Area Application

On March 10, 2008, the Board of Supervisors approved an amendment to the Fairfax County Code 82-5B to allow for a new process that can be used to create a large area CPD. This process augments the current petition based process which is still in use. In all cases, restrictions only apply to public streets in residential areas within any CPD.

For this new process, a district supervisor submits a request that would include all or most of their magisterial district.

Lee CPD

On October 19, 2009 the Board of Supervisors approved the [Lee CPD](#). The geographical area for this CPD is the entire Lee Magisterial District.

Vehicles temporarily parked (for up to 48 hours) for the purpose of loading, unloading or preparing for a trip are exempt. More information is available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/rtap.htm#cpd

Two types of solicitors:

1. Door-to-door or from a temporary stand
2. Charitable donations for a civic or charitable organization.
3. Churches, schools, hospitals and organizations which are registered with the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services of the Commonwealth of Virginia (VDACS) are **excluded** from the local licensing requirements.

To verify that they are registered with VDACS go

to http://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/consumers/cgi-bin/char_search.cgi. Non-profit organizations

should be carrying

a letter or some sort of dated ID stating who they

are and the organization's non-profit status.

Rules and Regulations. Solicitors:

1. May not solicit in an area that is clearly posted "No Peddlers or Solicitors."
2. May operate only between the hours of 9 a.m. and 8 p.m.
3. Must present solicitor's license to any customer who asks to see it.
4. Must provide his/her name, name of the company, and the nature of the solicitation to any customer when asked.
5. Must be truthful when stating the purpose of the solicitation.
6. Must provide a detailed, written receipt for any goods sold when asked by the customer.
7. Must leave when asked.



How to avoid the bad residential building contractor

Naturally you want to find and hire only the best residential building contractor for the job. However, actually finding that person or company can be difficult if you don't know what you're doing.

Most residential building contractors are, of course, reputable. They will endeavor to do their best to complete the job within budget, on time and with quality results. However, it's a fact that not all contractors are good or honest. You should always keep this in your mind and know what to watch out for when it comes to scammers or even inexperienced professionals.

The following things are red flags to look out for when hiring a residential building contractor:



- Soliciting for work door-to-door. A good residential building contracting company doesn't need to do this to get business.

- When they offer discounts that seem too good to be true. For example, if a "contractor" knocks on the door and offers to fix your damaged roof for a great rate because he has "materials left over from another job," he is likely a scammer.

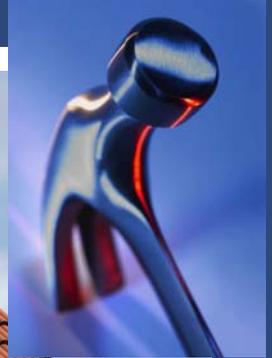
- Cash payments only. They're likely to take your money and you'll never see or hear from them again.

- They have no known business address or even a telephone number listed in the phone book.

- A residential building contractor that asks you to obtain permits although sometimes it is easier and less costly for a homeowner to do this, so use judgment here.

- Requesting full payment up front. This is a huge red flag. Avoid a contractor who requires this. A deposit is more than reasonable, but paying for work before it's done is not.

Other scams may include a residential building contractor who offers to help with the financing by suggesting a lender "they know."



Be careful. Read all the documentation with extreme prejudice. The fine print could actually have you signing over your house to the contractor.

Most contractors are professionals who pride themselves in quality work, but unfortunately there are those out there who prey on people who don't know. If an offer seems fishy or just too good to be true, be very cautious. The investment is in your home, which means your future as well.