



CENTER FOR
STUDENT LEGAL SERVICES

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 OUTSIDE. 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.

NOTICE:

**This house and its
residents/guests are
PROTECTED BY THE 4th AMENDMENT.**

**If you do not have a warrant
or spoken consent –
DO NOT ENTER!**

**If you are police or working with the police,
you do not have consent to
enter or search these
premises without a warrant.**

**To everyone else: You are not permitted to
enter unless you have been specifically
invited by a resident.**

Thank You.

The Center for Student Legal Services is a law office that represents O.U. students. The fee for services is listed as an option on your tuition bill. This flyer is not a substitute for legal advice. Please contact one of our attorneys if you need legal advice.

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