



C.A.P.S. Bulletin

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Panhandling is illegal in the following circumstances:

- Within 10 feet of a bus shelter or a posted CTA bus stop sign
- In any public transportation vehicle or public transportation facility
- In a vehicle which is parked or stopped on a public street or alley
- In a sidewalk café or restaurant; filling station; or within 10 feet in any direction from an ATM, bank entrance, or currency exchange
- While you are standing in line waiting to be admitted to a commercial establishment
- When panhandlers are in a group of two or more

If the panhandler:

- Touches you without your permission
- Blocks your path or the entrance to any building or vehicle
- Follows behind, ahead, or alongside while you are walking away
- Uses profane or abusive language before, during, or after soliciting
- Makes any statement or gesture which makes you feel fearful



You can help police by reporting illegal panhandling via "911"

If you become a victim of this crime, you will assist us further by calling 911, remaining on the scene (providing it is safe to do so), signing complaints against the panhandler and by going to court.

Participants in the Court Advocacy program will be available for support.

**If you are interested in joining our Court Advocacy program,
contact your local district CAPS office.**