

## Downtown Business Best Practices for Safety Issues and Transient Activity

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### What are the laws?

- It is not illegal to
    - be homeless
    - be intoxicated in public or on private property
    - panhandle or loiter on public property
  - It is illegal to
    - trespass on private property
    - trespass when previously warned
    - urinate, defecate, or expose oneself in public
    - drink an open container of alcohol in public
    - harass (unwanted touching, obscene behavior, or stalking)
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### Important Phone Numbers

- Police Non-Emergency: (303) 651-8501
  - Police Non-Emergency Incident Report Taking Office: (303) 651-8555
  - Longmont Fire Main #: (303) 651-8437
  - Longmont Downtown Development Authority (LDDA): (303) 651-8484
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### Who to Call?

#### Call Emergency 911 when

- When you perceive an individual or situation is dangerous and/or requires emergency police, fire, or medical attention.

#### Call Police Non-Emergency Number (303) 651-8501 when

- A person continues to loiter/trespass/camp on your private property after you have asked them to leave.
  - Police can issue a No Trespassing Notice to the individual.
  - Complete a Police Affidavit giving police authority to cite or arrest an individual for trespassing. Ask LDDA for the form.
- You think someone has committed theft at your business. Try to remember description of person(s). If an emergency, call 911.
- A person and/or personal belongings is obstructing a public entrance or passageway (i.e. sidewalk, breezeway).

#### Call Boulder County Homeless Coordinated Entry (303) 442-4646 when

- You identify someone experiencing homelessness or panhandling.
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### What should you do?

#### Theft or Property Damage at Your Business

- Call the police non-emergency number or 911 if you perceive danger.
- You can report non-emergency situations online by going to [www.longmontcolorado.gov](http://www.longmontcolorado.gov), search for *Reporting to Police Online*.
  - It's helpful to the police for you to report any incident so they are aware of the incidents in your area.
- Document incidents (take photos) when you can.
- Report damages to your insurance company.
- Please notify LDDA of the incident.

### Camping/Possessions Left on Your Property:

- If you suspect someone is camping/staying overnight:
    - You can leave a note asking them to move by "this date".
    - Call HOPE (see # below) and they can check on to help move.
    - Call non-emergency (303) 651-8501 if the person refuses to leave your property. Call 911 if you perceive danger.
  - If you find personal belongings, you can dispose of or leave a note asking the person(s) to remove from your property. Do not rummage through backpacks. Please call police non-emergency to pick up a suspicious backpack.
  - If you see trash, camping, or belongings on public property, contact the LDDA.
  - Request a CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) assessment of your property by the Police. They will recommend changes to help deter crime, camping, vandalism, etc. Call non-emergency number (303) 651-8501.
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### Homeless Systems Coordinated Entry (*launched in 2018!*)

Longmont is joining in a Boulder County collaboration that manages a coordinated entry system for homeless outreach services in the county. These Longmont organizations participate in this new system and can be contacted to inquire about homeless services. For information about this new system, visit [www.bouldercounty.org/homeless](http://www.bouldercounty.org/homeless).

#### How Can You Help?

As part of a citywide effort, we encourage businesses to support the Homeless Systems Coordinated Entry System by not giving individuals food, money or other handouts. Instead, connect those in need with a Coordinated Entry location listed below and/or consider making a donation or volunteering to the organizations working with this new approach.

**OUR Center**, (303) 772-5529, 220 Collyer St./[www.ourcenter.org](http://www.ourcenter.org)

- Daily hot meals, breakfast and lunch
- Transportation/bus passes (job interviews, medical appointments)
- Emergency shelter for families
- Starting place day services
- Case management/self-sufficiency skills classes
- Rent and utilities assistance/clothing bank & food pantry
- Referrals to the Inn Between and Atwood Shelter (EFAA)

**HOPE**, (720) 210-7217 or (720) 494-4673/[www.hopeforlongmont.org](http://www.hopeforlongmont.org)

- Daytime street outreach/night time search and save
- Showers, laundry, computer access
- Direct client support/emergency assistance

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[www.downtownlongmont.com](http://www.downtownlongmont.com)

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