

## Panhandlers

how to respond panhandlers

There's no one way to deal with panhandlers. You need to assess each situation. But we can give you some pointers.

Avoid confrontation, even if being harassed. The hostility directed at you probably comes from the panhandler's situation. Remove yourself from the situation.

Respond to a request for money with information. Step 13 offers coupon booklets that you can hand out offering a free meal. Or, bone up on an organization you like that helps those in need and offer the panhandler information about that organization.

Some service providers publish brochures explaining where to get help. Carry these with you and offer them when asked for change. Or again, if you're in metro Denver you can use our 'free meal' coupons.

Even if you're not going to give, it's best to offer a smile and a polite response. But again, assess each situation. Avoid confrontation.

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