

Tips for Responding to Panhandlers

1. Politely say “No” or “Sorry” and continue on your way.
2. Help people in need by donating to any of the organizations listed in this pamphlet.
3. Aggressive panhandling is illegal. If you feel threatened, call 911.
4. For information on other ways you can help those in need, visit:
www.simivalley.org/ReduceHomelessness

Deep down, we all want to help.

The question is, “How can I give in a way that will truly help?”

*Know before you give.
Support solutions,
not panhandling.*

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Simi Valley Task Force on Homelessness

www.simivalley.org/CitizenAdvisor



*Say “No” to
Panhandlers
say “Yes” to Giving*

The Simi Valley Task Force on Homelessness encourages you to make your donations count by giving to organizations that assist homeless persons.

"Statistics show that most panhandlers are not homeless, and most homeless do not panhandle. For some, panhandling is a career...and a lucrative one."

U.S. Department of Justice

Services in Simi Valley

Food is readily available for those in need. A free meal is offered every night of the year through the Community Dinner Site Program, multiple sites distribute groceries, and many qualify for the USDA CalFresh (Food Stamps) Program.

The Simi Valley community is working to help people who are homeless or in need. Individuals needing assistance can **dial 211 for referrals** for counseling, food, clothing, job assistance, shelter, and other community resources.

Be Compassionate

If you would like to offer a real life change to Simi Valley residents in need, contribute to a local service provider, such as:

The Samaritan Center - 579-9166

280 Royal Avenue, Simi Valley, CA 93063
www.TheSamaritanCenterofSimiValley.org

Many Mansions - 496-4948

Attn: Simi Valley Emergency Assistance Fund
1459 E. Thousand Oaks Boulevard, Bldg. D
Thousand Oaks, CA 91362
www.ManyMansions.org

Free Clinic of Simi Valley - 522-3733

2060 Tapo Street, Simi Valley, CA 93063
www.FreeClinicSV.com

The Salvation Army - 527-1070

1407 Los Angeles Avenue, Suite P
Simi Valley, CA 93065
www.SalvationArmySoCal.org