



Have a Give Smart

There are many places in Edmonton for people who need free food, shelter and support.

If you want to help make **real** life changes for someone in need, donate your money or time to agencies that provide support. For more info edmonton.ca/givesmart.



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Giving money to panhandlers may support drug and alcohol addictions. There are many services and supports available in Edmonton. If you **really** want to help people in need, **please support agencies** that provide food, shelter and other resources.

Phone 2-1-1 for a list of agencies that accept donations on behalf of people in need.

www.211edmonton.com

Did you know?

- Panhandlers might target people and areas where they have been successful in the past.
- Giving money to panhandlers may discourage them from accessing community resources that can help.

Tips for Responding to Panhandlers

- Look at the person, be polite and say, "Sorry, I don't give change."
- If you know a panhandler by name, offer to buy them a snack or meal.
- Donate money to social service agencies that provide food, shelter and supports for people in need.
- Buy *Edmonton Street News* from a vendor.
- Volunteer your time with social service agencies.
- Become more knowledgeable about panhandling and homelessness by visiting local service agencies.

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