



City of Phoenix

AUTHORITY TO ARREST FOR TRESPASS

This strategy developed in cooperation with the Phoenix Police Department and the Phoenix Prosecutors Office is available when unauthorized individuals choose to enter and remain on private property. The problems arise when the police are called and cannot locate a responsible party for the property to place them under citizen's arrest. Often, the responsible party has not warned the trespasser as required by law A.R.S. 13-1502-A1. In this situation the officer can complete an interview card, run a background check and if no warrants have been issued for their arrest, tell them to leave the property.

NOTE: As a reminder, this is not a strategy for persons consuming malt beverages in your common areas. This must be controlled by your community policies.

An arrest can occur, when an authority to arrest form has been completed and bilingual no trespassing signs (pictured below) have been installed at all reasonable entrances to the property and in various other locations throughout the property. This strategy is to be used for *aggravated* circumstances only and is by no means to be considered a cure-all for every problem.

1. The signs should measure at least 18 inches by 24 inches, and be made of metal.
2. The signs must be bilingual in both English and Spanish.
3. These signs are available at most realty sign stores and must have the Arizona Revised Statute 13-1502 A1 for "no trespassing" and state "private property."
4. Owner or responsible party must install signs at all common or reasonable entrances to the property.
5. It is recommended that all signs be installed with permanent screws to prevent easy removal, and placed high enough from ground level to discourage removal or graffiti.
6. The authority form must be on file with the respective precinct.
7. Please retain a copy of the signed form for your files and return original to your precinct.
8. This agreement must be renewed annually.
9. Again, please remember that the "authority to arrest" form should only be used during non-operational business hours, when a property owner or their lawful representative cannot be contacted.

For more information you may contact:

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400 South Mountain Precinct:	(602) 495-5004
500 Central City Precinct:	(602) 495-5005
600 Desert Horizon Precinct:	(602) 495-5006
700 Mountain View Precinct:	(602) 495-5007
800 Maryvale Precinct:	(602) 495-5008
900 Cactus Park Precinct:	(602) 495-5009

