



Crime Prevention Advice – distraction burglary

We would like to make you aware that there has been a burglary in your area in recent days where someone has tricked their way into the home.

Our aim is not to scare you, but to raise your awareness, and to ask you to be extra vigilant. Most people who call at your home will be genuine callers. However, sometimes people turn up unannounced with the intention of tricking their way into your home.

There are certain measures that you can take to reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim yourself, such as:

- Consider fitting a door chain and spy hole.
- Always ask for identification before opening the door.
- If unsure of identity, close the door and ask them to wait outside while you phone the company to verify who they are. Use the number on your bill, and not a number that they give you.
- Never keep large sums of money in the house.
- Never leave a key under a doormat or on a string through the letterbox.
- Official traders will have an appointment.
- You can arrange a password with your gas, electricity and phone service provider.

Stop and think before you open the door – are you expecting anyone?

IF IN DOUBT, KEEP THEM OUT

Report any suspicious activity to the police on 101 or anonymously via the Crimestoppers charity on 0800 555 111.

For further advice please contact your local Safer Neighbourhoods Team on 101 or visit www.hampshire.police.uk and type in your postcode to find our local policing pages.

For non emergencies dial 101, in an emergency dial 999.

Speak to your local Safer Neighbourhoods Team when you see them out and about.

