

STAMP OUT DOORSTEP CRIME

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Keep the door shut if you do not recognise or are not expecting a caller



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**If someone knocks at your door -
stop - think and remember -
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Most people who call at your home will be genuine. But sometimes, people turn up unannounced, with the intention of tricking their way into your home. These people are known as 'distraction burglars' or 'bogus callers', their only aim is to trick you into letting them into your home so that they can steal money or valuables.

You should always be cautious when someone you don't know calls at your door. Bogus callers may be smartly dressed and claim to be from the council, the police, health organisations or from gas, water or electricity companies. They will often use 'props' like an identity card or wear overalls with a company logo.

They can be VERY convincing and persuasive and will use any excuse to distract you. Common tricks include children asking for a drink of water or looking for a lost pet or ball or people claiming to be from the water board, in fact bogus callers may use any story to take advantage of your good nature and trick you into letting them into your home.

If there is a stranger at your door – stop – think and remember – **SOS – STAY OUT STRANGER** and always:

- Keep your door shut and locked and use a spy-hole or window to check who is outside
- Do NOT open the door if you don't recognise or are not expecting a caller
- Avoid keeping large amounts of cash at home

If you see anything suspicious please dial 999.



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