

Evidence Form

Time/Date:.....
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Name and address of company:
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Name of individual(s):

1.....

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Physical Description:
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Gender: male female

Age:

Height:

Build:

Accent:

Hair Colour/Style:.....

Other Details:

Vehicle:

Make:

Model:

Colour:

Registration number:

Other Details:

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Tips to help keep you safe

- If you are not sure who is at your door - don't open it
- Remember to use your door chain if you have one **before** you open your front door to strangers
- Always check the identity of all visitors if they are not known to you before opening your door
- Always look up telephone numbers for yourself - do not accept numbers provided by callers as they could be bogus
- Beware of common tricks such as being asked to make a telephone call, wanting to retrieve a lost ball (even if it is a child) or being asked to check your water, gas or electric. If in doubt keep your door secure
- Always keep doors and windows secure - it is easy for strangers to enter the rear of your home when you are busy answering the front door to their accomplice
- Don't keep large quantities of cash at home. Put it in a bank or Post Office



Doorstep Crime

Be Sure Who's At Your Door



Dorset Police



Working in partnership
with Trading Standards
across Dorset

Distraction Burglary

What is it?

Distraction burglary occurs when criminals knock on your door and make up a story to get into your home.

The fraudster could pretend to be from a water or gas company, saying there's a leak or a problem in your area. Criminals may pretend their child's lost their ball and it could be in your garden and they want to look for it.

Criminals can be very convincing and appear very friendly, but they are only trying to trick you into trusting them.

Distraction burglars target older people and also the vulnerable in society.

If you suspect a bogus caller is at your door, call 999.

The police are never too busy to attend your call, even if turns out to be a false alarm. Authorities don't want to miss the opportunity to stop a crime.



www.dorset.police.uk

Rogue Traders

Who are they?

Rogue traders knock on your door and offer you a service, but overcharge you for poor, unnecessary, or incomplete work.

The offenders offer services including; power washing driveways, cutting down trees and tending gardens and selling chainsaws and generators. They also carry out general building work including tarmacking, in exchange for cash.

Remember:

- **Never** accept work from anyone who offers you it over the phone or at your door
- **Never** go to the bank with a tradesperson
- If you think a friend, relative or neighbour has been a **victim**, call the authorities immediately
- Visit www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk or **call 0345 404 05 06** to find an approved tradesperson



Useful Contact Details

Dorset Police

☎ Dial 999 in an emergency

Where life is threatened, people are injured, offenders are nearby or if immediate action is required

☎ Dial 101 in a non-emergency

If a crime has already happened, to give information about a crime or to speak to your local officer

☎ Deaf/hard of hearing or speech impaired

Non emergency 07766 425 243
Text 999 in an emergency

Trading Standards

Via Citizens Advice Consumer Service

☎ Call 0345 404 05 06

www.adviceguide.org.uk

Report it!

Where possible, complete the white evidential form on the reverse of this leaflet and contact Trading Standards or the police.

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