

I was passing and noticed your roof needs repairing



I'm from the police, can I come in and talk to you?



We've lost our dog, can we use your phone?



I'm from the water board, there's a leak in your street



WHO WILL CALL ON YOU TODAY?

What would you do if one of these people called on you at home? Doorstep criminals will use excuses to enter your home to steal, or charge inflated prices for "repairs."

LOCK ALL DOORS

Distraction burglars working in pairs will use the back door whilst you are kept at the front door.

NOT SURE? DON'T OPEN THE DOOR

It's ok to say NO and tell them to leave. Always keep the chain on if you need to open the door. Never employ passing traders who cold call, and never feel pressured to say yes.

ASK FOR ID/PASSWORD

Bogus callers will often use a good fake ID. Genuine callers won't mind if you take the time to establish their identity by calling their employer. Ask them for a password if you've set one up.

Common excuses:

- Energy suppliers, "water board" or council needs to have access to your house
- Plain clothes police officer needs to talk to you about a crime
- Youths have lost a dog, a ball, need to make a telephone call, or need a glass of water
- Builder says he was passing and noticed your roof or garden needs work.

If you feel threatened call **999**
Report doorstep criminals by calling **101**
Telephone **18001 101**
or send a text **07786 208090**

