



HARROGATE & DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION

Serving Harrogate, Knaresborough, Ripon, Boroughbridge, Pateley Bridge, and all the rural areas
Helping to protect over 18,000 households

BOGUS CALLERS

Bogus callers deliberately set out to con you. This usually starts with a call at the door by a bogus official purporting to be from the gas, water, electric or local council. It could also be someone offering bargain services – small building repairs, drives resurfaced, roof repairs, even people pretending to be Neighbourhood Watch officials selling burglar alarms.

Unfortunately they tend to target old or vulnerable people who can least afford to lose their money or possessions so please do not let anyone into your home unless you are very sure who they represent.

WHAT TO DO

- Ask to see their identification but look very closely. Make sure they are who they say they are. Ring their local offices if in doubt but do not use the number on their ID cards. Look the correct number up in the telephone directory.
- Never to agree to have work done by a trader or workman who cold calls you. If you really need work doing, contact several tradesmen who can provide you with written quotes and whose whereabouts you know in case anything subsequently goes wrong with the work.
- If you are worried, ring the police.

North Yorkshire Police: Non-emergency **101** Emergency **999**

- If you live near an old person or someone who could be vulnerable, keep an eye on them. Tell them that they can send any callers to see you first so you can check them out.

Remember, bogus callers will say and do almost anything to steal your hard earned goods. If you see any suspicious people in your area it is essential that you phone the police immediately.

TO PREVENT CRIME IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

NB For information on becoming a member of Neighbourhood Watch: Email us at info@nwatchharrogate.org.uk or phone 101 and ask to speak to a police officer from your local Safer Neighbourhood Team.