

BOGUS CALLERS

There are people who often target the vulnerable or elderly in an attempt to gain access to their homes and steal. Make sure that the people you care about are not vulnerable to bogus callers or distraction burglaries.

What is it?

A situation where often at least two offenders turn up announced at the home of the vulnerable person and, while one distracts them, the other goes into the house and removes cash and valuables

How can you help?

Help maintain your loved ones garden so it doesn't attract attention.

Check that they have good quality locks on the doors and windows.

Make sure that their cash is in the bank - and not in the house.

Regular contact is vital so if you call once a month, vary and call once a week for a while.

Enlist the help of neighbours and carers.

Talk to your family and friends.

Listen to what people tell you about the neighbourhood.

Report it?

Don't feel foolish if it has happened to you. Encourage victims of this crime to report it to the Police so it can be stopped.

What to do if you are in an uncertain situation

- Watch for two or more traders
- Put the chain on the door before opening
- Never let anyone in without checking their identity
- Check any telephone number given with the phone book
- Enlist the help of family and friends
- Don't sign anything on the spot or go to the bank or cashpoint with a trader
- Don't do business with anyone without full address details
- No fixed price for a job in writing - no business
- Join Neighbourhood Watch

Don't let you relative or friend fall victim to the conman. Help them to protect themselves.

Contact Dorchester West Safer Neighbourhood Team with any information

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If you are a victim of crime or witness a crime taking place telephone 999 immediately.