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Community Bulletin

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Cold Callers

Please be aware that we have recently had a report of two white males calling at person's homes in Haselmere stating that they were from Teeside and looking for odd jobs for cash. The two males were in their early 20's and were seen at 4pm on 31st March.

Please contact us immediately if you have any further information, quoting serial 1387 31/03.

Here are some simple crime prevention tips for cold callers:

- If you're not sure who is at your door, don't open it. Check the identity of the caller by calling the company they are purporting to be from i.e. Police, Council or Gas, Electricity, Water companies. Use the telephone numbers listed in your local directory or provided independently by your service provider. Do not use any telephone numbers provided by the caller, as they may be bogus.
- Many utility service providers like gas, electricity and water, provide password schemes for customers, sign up to these. When unannounced callers claiming to be from these utility providers call at your door they should know the password if they are genuine.
- Don't keep large quantities of cash at home, put it in the bank where it is safe.
- Keep doors locked and windows secure at all times.
- Ensure that if you do let somebody in to your home, that you close the door behind them - distraction burglars often work in teams, where one will distract you whilst others sneak in through the insecure door.
- If you suspect a bogus caller is at your door call the police immediately.

If callers become intimidating, ask a neighbour for help or call the police. You are quite entitled to say NO and ask them to leave.

If you see anything suspicious please report it immediately.

It might be the vital piece of information we need! Sussex Police gratefully receive information on all suspicious activity, suspicious persons and Anti-Social Behaviour, occurring in your area. We thank you for your vigilance and together, in partnership, we will effectively reduce and detect crime.

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