



DOORSTEP CRIME ... Criminals will do their best to persuade you that they, or whatever it is they are offering you, are genuine to try and make you part with your money or gain entry into your home.

They will usually appear to be polite, friendly and professional.

It can be easy to be taken in by them – after all, they do this for a living.

For more advice, find the Neighbourhood Watch scams prevention kit at:

www.ourwatch.org.uk/toolkits



STAY SAFE ON YOUR DOORSTEP

Ask a trusted person for advice on reputable traders. Always ask for a second opinion if you receive an offer too good to be true.

Do not answer the door to anyone you are not expecting or do not know. If you do answer, and feel pressurised into buying goods or services, tell them you have a friend or relative who can sort out any problems.

If they persist, tell them to leave or you will call the police. If they do not leave, or if you have any concerns contact the police on 101, or 999 if you feel at all threatened.

Remember that reputable traders don't need to knock on doors to get work.

Never allow anyone in over your doorstep unless you are clear as to why they are visiting. Make sure you have checked they are genuine.

Set up passwords with utilities companies, trusted traders or visitors for when they call.