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Most people who call at your home or ring you will be genuine. However, some people turn up unannounced with the intention of tricking their way into your home. These callers are known as 'distraction burglars' or 'bogus callers', whose main aim is to trick their way into your home and steal money and valuables.

Bogus callers may be smartly dressed claiming to be from the council, one of the utility companies or various other organisations.

Protect yourself against bogus callers by following sensible precautions:

- Lock...** Front and back doors while at home and away.
- Stop...** Check through a window or door viewer when you have a caller at the door.
- Chain...** Put on your door chain or door bar before opening the door to strangers.
- Check...** Always ask for ID and check it carefully - keep a list of official telephone numbers by the phone. (Genuine callers will always be happy to wait if you want to phone and confirm their identity).
- Display...** A no cold calling sticker on your door/window to advise cold callers to stay away from your home.
- Remember...** It is okay to say 'no' to a doorstep caller and close the door.
- Do not...** Keep large sums of money in the home.
- Do not...** Employ the services of cold calling businesses, such as property repair companies, paving, tree surgery or jet washing.
- Always...** Report suspicious callers to the police (Emergency 999, Non-Emergency 101) and the Citizens Advice Consumer Service (0808 223 1133)



Remember: If in doubt, keep them out.