

# Are they for real? Don't like their ID? Ask their company



Bogus officials are a type of doorstep criminal who pretend they have a legitimate reason to enter your home.

They may mention the gas or water supply, your benefits or other important matters.

Once inside, they will try to distract you so that they can steal from you.

## **Bogus Officials**

**Do not let unexpected callers into your home. If in doubt... keep them out!**

**Report bogus officials to the Police online or by calling 101.**

### **Protect yourself: have you...**

- Arranged an appointment for the caller?
- Asked for identification?
- Checked their identification using the number in the phonebook?
- Felt pressured to act quickly?
- Noticed that the caller is being overly helpful or friendly?

### **Protect others: have they...**

- Been too trusting of visitors before?
- Mentioned an unexpected caller?
- Become frightened or worried about answering the door?
- Had money or valuables go missing?
- Often left doors or windows unlocked and therefore vulnerable to sneak-ins?

**For further crime prevention advice contact your local Crime Prevention Officer on 101 or visit**

[www.westyorkshire.police.uk/fraud](http://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/fraud)