



DECEPTION BURGLARIES

Since February 23, 2013, there are 22 incidents citywide targeting elderly home owners.

What is a Deception Burglary?

A burglary committed by a person(s) that gains entry to the home by posing as an employee of a particular company. This impersonation includes but is not limited to, utility companies, delivery companies, and home repair services such as plumbing or home contractors. A common explanation is “a pipe broke down the street and we have to check the water”. Once inside the perpetrator(s) manipulate and distract a victim in order to obtain their valuables.



TIP:

Should a stranger knock on your door and solicit any home repairs or services, consider the following:

- If you did not request service or did not report a problem, verify that the company has service crews on your block (company phone numbers could be looked up via the internet or on billing statements)
- Ask the company if their employee needs to gain access to your home.
- Verify the employee's ID, all workers **MUST** carry an identification badge.
- Verify his/her Identification through the view finder, do not open the door.
- If you feel unsafe or suspect criminal activity, call 911 immediately.

