

Important Safety Information

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West Sussex residents are being asked to be careful when dealing with anyone who knocks on their door unannounced. There have been recent incidents in neighbouring counties which may be repeated in West Sussex.

Individuals will call at the home of an elderly resident and claim to be from Customs & Excise. The bogus caller will claim that the resident will have to pay extra for VAT owing on work carried out, whether they have had the work carried out or not. Sums in excess of £4,000 have been demanded.

If you are approached by such cold callers, please let Trading Standards know on
01243 642124 01243 642124.

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POLICE ALERT - Operation Inroad

There has been an increase in bogus police officer distraction burglaries across the County. The peak time for offending is 3-5pm. A recent crime involved the offenders wearing a fluorescent jacket marked with 'Police' on the rear.

Scamnesty 2009 - Feb 2nd-15th

West Sussex County Council Trading Standards have linked up with the library service colleagues to put the bite on con artists who send out rip off mail.

This is part of the Office of Fair Trading Scamnesty campaign.

Residents are being asked to take any suspect mail they receive to their local library.

If you think you have been the victim of a scam, or you suspect a scam, visit www.consumerdirect.gov.uk.