

Here are a few tips to beat the Bogus Caller

- If you do not know or are not expecting them do not let them in
- Never let them persuade you to let them in
- Keep your door shut and look through a door viewer and use your door chain or identislot
- Never give money to strangers at your door
- Always check their identity cards and, if you are not sure, ring the company they claim to be from
- Have a list of numbers ready near to your telephone – NEVER use a number that they give you as this could be false
- If they refuse to leave your doorstep phone 999 and ask for the Police
- Do not be fooled by their appearance
- When answering the telephone never give out your personal details
- If you are unsure ask them to make an appointment
- Join the 'Nominate a Neighbour Scheme' – for further information on this scheme and free security pack for the over 65's please contact the Community Safety Unit on 0161-342-3051.

A genuine caller will not mind you checking their details and will wait or call back when they have made an appointment

For free security advice on making your home safer please contact your local Police station and ask for the Crime Reduction Advisers on 0161-856-9241 or 0161-856-9246

Community Safety

Tameside Council working with the Police and Local Community to improve your area
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Help Burglars See The Light



The dark winter nights are on their way and many of us will be returning home from work in the dark, which ultimately means our homes will be in the dark too!

Dark nights provide easy pickings for burglars as they can easily see which houses are unoccupied and target them.



On Bonfire Night many homes are unoccupied due to parties and celebrations. In the run up to Christmas thieves know there are presents and gifts in the house making homes prime targets for opportunist thieves.

We want to tackle this problem and issue a timely reminder to Tameside residents on how to combat the burglar in the dark winter months.

Make sure YOU follow our advice to protect your home and reduce the number of burglaries this winter.

- Leave lights or the radio on so it looks and sounds like someone is at home;
- Use time switches which are cheap but effective and available from most DIY stores in your area;
- If possible ask a neighbour to close your curtains when your house is unoccupied so that it not obvious that you are not at home;
- Good external lighting can deter burglars who like to work unseen.
- Fit locks at the top and bottom of patio doors;
- On the run up to Christmas please ensure that all valuables are kept out of sight;
- Visible burglar alarms make burglars think twice – make sure you switch them on when you go out and when you go to bed;
- Lock your windows and doors, even if you are just ‘nipping’ out;
- Never leave garages or sheds unlocked;
- Stop a thief from getting into the back of the house by fitting a strong high gate across a side passage;
- Be alert to strangers. If you don’t recognise them and they are acting suspiciously call the Police;

The good news is burglary rates are coming down significantly in Tameside.

Help us to continue this good work by following the advice above.

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Bogus Caller Crime

Most visitors to your home will be genuine and will be exactly who they say they are. However, there is a small minority that won’t be.



They are known as ‘bogus callers’ but they are simply thieves that gain access to houses by claiming to be something they are not and then removing valuable possessions and money.

They prey upon people’s trusting nature and target the elderly and vulnerable people in our society.

Listed below are some of the guises they may use to gain access to your property;

Bogus Officials – normally smartly dressed and claiming to be from a company such as the gas or electricity supplier;

Bogus Workmen – they call at your home claiming work needs carrying out then charge large amounts of money for little or shoddy work;

Bogus Uniform Callers – Common uniforms used are Police Officers or Fire Officers;

Bogus Callers wanting assistance – they call asking for assistance

Telephone Fraudsters – they will ask you for your bank details for verification purposes and then use the information to gain credit or use your account