

## Warning: Distraction Burglaries

### Background

Warrington and Halton Trading Standards would like to make iCAN members aware that there have been a number of distraction burglaries reported to Cheshire Police.

On each occasion callers posing as Water Board Officials gained access to properties in both the Great Sankey and Orford areas of Warrington on the pretence of needing to check water pressure. An amount of money has been reported missing from the house in Great Sankey. Both incidents occurred yesterday, Wednesday 16 June 2010.

If you were visited by anyone claiming to be from the Water Board or maybe noticed callers going door to door in your area, please report your suspicions to Cheshire Police on 0845 4580000

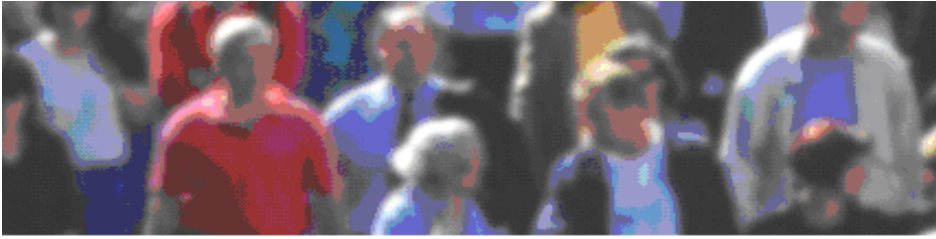
Please be on your guard against this type of crime. Distraction burglars will use all kinds of lies to try and gain access they can be male or female, old and young, even children. Use your door chain and ask to see photographic identification.

You can check the callers validity by contacting United Utilities on 0845 7462200 and press option 1 from the menu. No genuine caller will mind waiting while you do this, remember never use the number provided by an unsolicited caller to check authenticity. If you have any doubts whatsoever do not allow access and contact the Police immediately.

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## Further information

TPS is a FREE service that you can register your wish not to receive unsolicited sales and marketing telephone calls. You can register on line at [www.tpsonline.org.uk](http://www.tpsonline.org.uk) or call 0800 398893. It takes 28 days for the service to become effective.

For general consumer information contact Trading Standards on 08454 04 05 06 or visit [www.consumerdirect.gov.uk](http://www.consumerdirect.gov.uk)

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