



WARNING: Distraction Burglary in WA8 Area of Halton

Safer Halton Partnership would like to inform iCAN members of a recent distraction burglary that took place in the Ansdell Road area of Widnes.

A male claiming to represent the Water Board called at the home of an elderly lady on the afternoon of **Monday 19th December 2011 between 1pm and 2pm**. The male stated he had come to turn off the radiators and proceeded to enter the house. It was later established that a handbag and contents were stolen.

Were you visited by anyone claiming to be from the Water Board or maybe noticed callers going door to door in your area? If so, please report any suspicions you may have to your local Police Community Safety Officer or call Cheshire Police on the non emergency number **101**.

If you need to report an incident as an emergency please contact the Police by dialling **999**

Please be reminded

- keep front and back doors locked
- look through the window or spyhole to check who it is
- use your door chain if you have one
- check ID – do not use the number provided – always contact directory enquiries or similar to check authenticity
- if you have any doubts whatsoever do not allow access and report the incident immediately
- always remain vigilant

Please share this advice with friends, relatives, neighbours especially if they are elderly and anyone you know who may be vulnerable.

For further advice and support regarding crime prevention or community safety please contact Phil Buckley the Crime Reduction Advisor for Halton Police on 01606 363971

For general consumer advice please contact Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06 or go to www.direct.gov.uk

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