

There have been a number of distraction burglaries across Hampshire over the past few days, some of which have occurred in the Meon Valley area.

What is a distraction burglary?

This is where a householder is distracted in conversation and lured outside the property while an accomplice enters the property and takes cash, handbags etc. or where the caller claims to be from the water board or other utility and claims they need access to the property to check something, perhaps claiming to be working nearby and need to check your water supply etc.

What can **YOU** do to prevent these incidents?

- Be wary if someone calls at your door asking for a person you have never heard of.
- If you are not happy with a caller at your door check them out – ask for identification.
- If the person at the door has not made an appointment don't let them in.
- If you have a security chain, use it.
- Use the locks fitted to your doors and windows.
- Keep ground floor accesses locked when not in use.
- Report anything suspicious to us including any suspicious vehicles and people.
- Don't be afraid to call the police.

In some instances the burglars have claimed to be police officers.

You can check whether your caller is a police officer before you let him in to your property by calling
0845 0454545

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On behalf of your Safer Neighbourhood Team

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