

WATER INDUSTRY TO FIGHT BOGUS CALLERS

Water companies are joining forces with police and Government to raise national awareness of callous tricksters who prey on the elderly and vulnerable.

More than half of bogus caller crimes committed in the UK are carried out by criminals pretending to be from a water company.

Water companies across the UK are now increasing efforts to tackle bogus caller crime by launching a nationwide campaign.

Statistics show that around 35 bogus caller crimes are committed everyday, however this may only be ten per cent of the actual number as this type of crime often leads victims too embarrassed to come forward.

The national campaign is supported by the Home Office, the Association of Chief Police Officers, Water UK and the Consumer Council for Water, and it aims to raise awareness nationally and among all age groups to help tackle this kind of crime.

If you feel that you may have been a victim of distraction burglary, or to report possible bogus officials in your area, please contact your local Trading Standards Office.

All our alerts are available in a range of formats and languages, including large print. Please contact Nicola Wilson if this would be helpful to you, or to someone you know.

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