Warning of potential scams

The Police and Cornwall Trading Standards are reporting an unusually busy time as they receive reports of potential scams and doorstep cons, for example:

- In BODMIN a cold-calling driveway gang has persuaded more than 10 residents to part with thousands of pounds
- In NEWQUAY another gang of doorstep con-men tricked a number of people into having ‘repairs’ to their roof despite work not being necessary
- In ST IVES three cold-callers were arrested after attempting to trick elderly home owners into having work done on their homes
- In FALMOUTH, CAMBORNE and other towns, residents have reported being plagued by nuisance calls from fraudsters purporting to be the Police, followed by a call from a company offering to block nuisance calls for a fee.

Our advice is to NEVER deal with anyone who turns up at your door without an appointment, and NEVER pay money to anyone who cold calls you on the phone. Always obtain quotes for work on your home.

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