

## How to protect yourself from doorstep crime

If you let someone into your home and find that they are trying to sell you a product or service which you do not want, or about which you're not sure:

do not sign anything or give your financial details offers should not be dependent on your agreeing to a contract before the seller leaves your home.

do not let an unwanted visitor have access to another part of you home unless you check on them. Excuses include: needing to take measurements for an accurate quote, using the toilet etc.

**Alert!** Be particularly wary if there are two [doorstep-crime](#) people. It's a common ploy of potential burglars, to ask to use the toilet, so that they can steal valuables etc, while their partner is keeping a potential customer occupied.

For further advice about managing doorstep callers and your [legal rights](#). Further advice is available from [North Yorkshire police](#).

North Yorkshire Trading Standards (NYTS) is keen to tackle doorstep crime and needs people to report incidents of this crime. They are interested in flyers you may have received, reports of traders touting for custom and also would appreciate assistance in identifying any vulnerable adults in your neighbourhood. The NYTS can provide a 'No cold callers' sticker for your front door. The NYTS can be contacted via the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 08454 040506.