

Police warn residents of West Lothian following bogus workmen incidents



Police in West Lothian are warning residents to be on their guard against bogus workmen after incidents in Fauldhouse and Torphichen on Wednesday 15th March.

On both occasions three males have claimed to be from a building company.

However they then attempted to obtain large quantities of cash for work that had not been carried out.

Fortunately a vigilant bank teller prevented one elderly homeowner from withdrawing the four-figure sum of money they demanded and a concerned neighbour intervened in the other incident.

On one of the occasions an older white transit van was observed.

Officers are now warning residents in West Lothian not to engage with bogus callers and are appealing for any information that can assist them with their inquiries.

The workmen are described as three males, one being around 14-years-old, slim built with short black hair. He was wearing jeans with a red hooded top with the hood up and white writing on it with the name of their business.

One of the other men was in his 20's, had stubble, was wearing jeans and a red hooded-top with the same white writing on it.

Police Sergeant Stuart Miller of Whitburn police station said:

“If anyone turns up at your home, please always ask for identification and check it. Genuine companies will have no objection this.

“Do not let people into your house if you are not 100% comfortable with them being there. If you have any concerns at all, please contact us by calling 101.

“Anyone with concerns that friends, family or neighbours are being targeted please contact the police.

“Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call police on 101 or anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.”

Further advice about protecting yourself from bogus tradesmen can be found on the Police Scotland website via the [link below](#):