

Alert	<p><b><u>Alert: Elderly Targeted by Fake Police Officers</u></b></p> <p>There has recently been a series of incidents whereby fraudsters either phone or attend the home address of elderly members of the public claiming to be police officers.</p> <p>The fake officer/s will claim that they are investigating a fraud which they believe the elderly person to be a victim of. The fake officer/s will then request the bank cards and personal identification numbers (PIN) of the victim and claim these are needed for investigation purposes. If first contact is made by a phone call, the fake officer/s will tell the victim that someone will be over to collect the evidence.</p> <p>In one case the victim was instructed to attend their local bank and withdraw all of the money from their account. The suspect was left alone in the victim's house whilst the victim carried out the instructions.</p> <p><b><u>PREVENTION ADVICE</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Before letting anyone into your home who claims to be from any law enforcement agency, ask to see their identity card and check it by calling 101.</li> <li>• Ask if they can attend at a pre-arranged time when a family member or friend can also be present.</li> <li>• If you receive a phone call from a police officer, ask for their name and force and tell them you will call them back. Wait a few minutes and then use 101 to call them back through their force's switchboard and verify their identity.</li> <li>• The Police will <b>never</b> ask for your PIN or passwords. Do not give this information to anyone.</li> <li>• The Police will <b>never</b> request that you withdraw/transfer any money to them.</li> </ul>
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