

Trading Standards Alert

Rogue Traders Operating in Croydon

BEWARE ROGUE TRADERS ARE OPERATING IN THE BROAD GREEN AREA

Croydon Trading Standards are warning residents in Broad Green and Selhurst to look out for cold callers at their door. A resident was recently door knocked by rogue traders and persuaded that roof repairs were needed urgently. According to the rogue traders they were working on a neighbouring property and noticed a hole in the resident's roof. They indicated that they would need £10 000 to repair it and the man went to the bank to withdraw a £4000 deposit. Fortunately the bank refused to release the cash and instead called Trading Standards. Enquiries are continuing.

DO NOT:

- Invite cold callers into your home
- Believe that work coldcallers say need doing is urgent or necessary
- Never allow yourself to be taken to the bank by a trader to withdraw cash

DO:

- Obtain several written quotes or estimates before any work is undertaken and obtain a breakdown of costs
- Look out for elderly and vulnerable neighbours
- Report It. If an incident is happening and you are concerned call the police and Trading Standards.