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## Doorstep Crime - Gardening Work



We have received a number of reports about doorstep criminals active in the Dartford, Gravesham and Sevenoaks areas - all Kent residents should be on alert.

### What happens

- Residents are cold-called and quoted £150 for gardening work

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- Further money is demanded to remove garden waste
- The criminals drive the resident to the bank to withdraw cash

### What to do

- NEVER agree to work from someone who knocks on your door uninvited
- Don't allow anyone to pressure you into having work done
- **If you ask them to leave and they don't, contact the police on 999**
- Use reputable traders who are members of the KCC Trading Standards approved trader scheme, run in partnership with [Checkatrade](#)
- Get a minimum of 3 quotes in writing

**Warn vulnerable family members, friends and neighbours.**

### Report it

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## Doorstep crime is financial abuse

Be alert to signs that someone you know has fallen prey to financial abuse. Anyone can be a target, but criminals will often target people when they are most vulnerable. Watch the video below to see how victims are targeted. If you have concerns about a neighbour, family member, friend, patient, client or someone you visit, [click here to learn about the questions to ask and how to report the crime.](#)

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