

Crime Security Survey Scam

We have had calls regarding an Alarms System company and also another claiming to be doing crime research. These people may even say that you have been selected to receive a free house alarm, but nothing is free. You will end up being drawn into an expensive monthly contract. We have said many times before do not even enter into conversation with them or simply say no thank you and put the phone down.

If you want any crime advice Essex Police will give you that for free over the phone. If you would like to speak to our Crime Reduction Officer contact Trisha Staerck 0300 333 4444 extension 60517 and if you are thinking of getting an alarm always get three quotes from various companies or ask friends or family to recommend someone. Over these companies that cold call will say they are working in conjunction with the Police - THEY ARE NOT, they may also try to tell that incidents of crime are rising in your area.

These are all ploys to make them sound better. Do not get involved.

If you have any complaints calls should be put through to Consumer direct 08454 040506 or visit their website www.consumerdirect.gov.uk as these are all about the way in which businesses conduct their business and Trading Standards would like to made aware.

We have also received an email about card scams - once again delete, ignore them, or check them out on www.hoaxslayer.com.

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