

FRAUD ALERT!

For Immediate Distribution- Local Electric Company Scam- Be Alert!

Yesterday, a man knocked on the door of a local 76 year old woman and said he was from the local electric company and that with the impending storm he needed to cut down trees that were growing into her back yard and touching the wires. He said he needed to enter her yard to do this. This sounded reasonable because she has contacted the electric company about the trees in the past. He said she needed to turn off the electricity in the basement. When the man had successfully scammed his way inside and was in the basement with the woman, he put on gloves and told her to turn on the water in the sink. At this point something did not seem right to her and she thought she heard someone else upstairs. She went upstairs and discovered that the first man was distracting her, while a second man came in the house, went into her bedroom and attempted to rob her. Turning on the water appears to have been a distraction technique so she could not hear the other man upstairs. Luckily her windows were open and when she yelled for help her dog outside started barking furiously. With all the commotion the robbers left. The local woman was not hurt and she does not believe anything is missing.

After this incident occurred the woman called the local police and neighbors and found out that similar incidents have occurred with two other neighbors. The other two incidents also involved older adults or people living alone.

As a message from the Bucks County Crimes Against Older Adults Task Force, please do not open your door to anyone you don't know. Call to confirm a visitor from a company with the company before allowing them inside. If you notice any unusual activity in your neighborhood, contact your local police department.

**For more information or to report a scam or a crime-
contact any one of the Task Force members or your local police department:**

**BUCKS COUNTY CRIMES AGAINST OLDER ADULTS TASK FORCE-
FIGHTING ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND EXPLOITATION OF OLDER ADULTS IN BUCKS COUNTY**

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215-348-6344
Bucks County Consumer Protection
215-348-6060
Bucks County Register of Wills
215-348-6265

Bucks County Area Agency on Aging
215-348-0510
Network of Victim Assistance
1-800-675-6900
Bucks County Coroner
215-348-3852