



North Aldridge
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SCAMS
Around
2006



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Crime on our Patch during 2006

Top 10 SCAMS around

Thanks to Walsall Council's Trading Standards Team we can advise you of the Top 10 SCAMS to watch out for:

Be aware and don't get caught out!

Counterfeiting - Such as fake CDs and DVD's normally for poor quality and you won't get your money back. **Watch out for them and don't be tempted.**

Postal Scams - These are letters telling you you've won a fantastic prize, but you need to send say £15/£20 as an administration fee. **Ignore them.**

"West African" advance fee fraud - An E-mail, fax, telephone call or letters asking you to help move a large amount of money with of course a share for you! **Hand over details of your bank account etc and these people will steal your money.**

Pressure selling - Salesmen who try and wear you down so to get rid of them you sign anything! **Never sign anything until you are sure of all the facts.**

Scams continued:

Mobile phone messages - Text messages or voicemail requests asking you to call a number back to find out you've won a prize. **What you gain never matches the phone bill!**

Doorstep callers - Burglars who knock on your door and distract your attention while an accomplice goes inside and steals your property. **Be aware and don't let anyone in you have not identified.**

Bogus Tradesmen - People offering to repair or do something for you. **They are likely to be checking your property over to burgle or ripping you off to carry out work unnecessary work.**

"Eastern European" clothes collections - Requests to bag up unwanted clothes and items and then leave them on your doorstep for collection. **Items are often sold off at car boot sales to make easy money.**

Data Protection Act - Businesses receive official looking letters from agencies posing as an enforcement body. **Check with the Data Collection Commissioners if you need to register.**

Congratulations you've won a holiday - Organisations phone insisting you have won a "free holiday". These usually mean a high-pressure presentation and land up costing you money. **Don't go and don't even be tempted!**

If you have any information about these or other Scams please come forward and contact Walsall Trading Standards on



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