



PREVENT RUSE BURGLARY



What is a ruse burglary?

Offenders use a "ruse" to distract victims and enter their home to commit a burglary. They often:

- Target the elderly
- Impersonate a utility worker, city worker or contractor (e.g. wear a neon vest, carry a radio)
- Work in teams - one offender distracts the homeowner while the other(s) enter the home
- Approach homeowners about unsolicited home repair work

Take these steps to protect yourself:

- Never let someone into your home if you're not expecting them, and don't step outside with them.
- Call the utility company or police department to verify the individual's identity.
- Don't accept unsolicited work. Ask for a business card and end the conversation quickly.
- Keep your doors and windows locked.

If you are a victim of a ruse burglary or attempted ruse burglary:

Call the police if there is any doubt or question about an individual that has come to your home.

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: 847.391.5400

