



Rogue Traders

Good Afternoon,

We have had a few instances of Rogue Traders operating around the Boroughbridge/Tockwith area and smaller towns between. 'Rogue Trading' refers to the practice of deliberately overcharging for unsatisfactory goods and/or services by cold callers who typically target the elderly and vulnerable. Any building or maintenance work carried out by those who cold-call at addresses will often involve a criminal offence, owing to the householder / victim being deceived in some way. This includes charging for unnecessary work, damaging property deliberately in order to obtain money, leaving work unfinished and intimidating behaviour in order to extort money.

Rogue trading may constitute a criminal offence under the Fraud Act (2006) depending on the level of action that has taken place.

Yesterday the traders were offering to Tarmac Driveways whilst being vague about pricing then charging over inflated prices. They were wearing hi-visibility coats and driving a white transit van. If anyone has any information about this specific case please contact PC Stephanie Maslen 1751 (stephanie.maslen@northyorkshire.police.uk) and quote reference number 12250048790.

You can report Rogue Traders to Trading Standards. If you believe a crime has taken place contact Police on 101 or in an emergency contact us on 999. You can also contact the Citizens Advice consumer helpline.



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