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## Common DOOR-to-DOOR SCAMS

### Did you hear about the break-ins down the street?

A home security company “representative” arrives with news that burglars have hit several homes in your area and offers a free home-security check. Once inside, the scammer might steal money or plan a future burglary.

### Helpful handy man here!

A home improvement contractor offers a free inspection. He then tricks you into believing there’s damage that needs to be fixed – or worse, actually damages your home – which he offers to fix on the spot for cash.

### Psst! I can hook you up!

Someone posing as a worker from a cable or utility company shows up after your neighborhood has been hit with storm outages and offers to turn on your service for an upfront cash payment.

### Want to buy a truck-load of asphalt?

A home-improvement contractor says he just finished a job up the street and has leftover material. He offers to use the leftover material to do work on your home at a discount. You’re pressured to take advantage of this “golden opportunity,” but the price is usually not cheaper and the work is often shoddy or left unfinished.



### Can you help the needy?

An earnest-sounding scammer solicits donations for a legitimate (or bogus) charity, or victims of a recent disaster, and then pockets the cash.

### Package for you!

You receive a heavy package C.O.D. by a messenger who tells you it was ordered by someone you know. You hand over the money but when you open it you find old newspapers or magazines merely used as weight for the package.

## Don't be fooled by DOOR-to-DOOR SCAMS



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