

Rogue traders

Bogus tradesmen operate in number of ways including those that knock at your door saying they would like to check your roof for loose tiles or offer to tarmac your drive as they have some left over from a previous job.

Rogue traders will either grossly over-charge for a bad job, or they might scope out your home to see whether they would be able to achieve easy entry when you are out. And they usually used pressure tactics to gain entry to your home.

Always ask yourself: "Would I have had these repairs done if a trader had not called?" If the answer is "no", think very carefully about your decision.

If the trader refuses to leave when asked, call the police. Also let the Greenwich Trading Standards Officer know about any incidents. To help catch suspected bogus traders ask them to provide you with a written estimate and note the trade name under which they are operating. Try to make a note of their vehicle's registration number.