

CRIME PREVENTION TIP OF THE MONTH

MARCH

SOLICITORS

The Merchantville Police Department is always working to reduce crime in the Borough. A very important part of this effort is educating the citizens to be suspicious of strangers in their neighborhood. This includes those who appear to be solicitors, collectors, and salespeople. Remember the basic precautions to take at home.

1. NEVER admit a stranger. Ask to see ID from police, sales and repair people before opening the door. ALL salespersons and vendors MUST register with the Merchantville Police Department if they intend to solicit door to door.
2. NEVER depend on a chain lock to keep out a determined intruder. Instead, install a door viewer (peephole). They're inexpensive, easy to install, and allow you to see who is there and see their ID before opening the door and exposing yourself to danger.
3. Ladies, if a salesperson or repairman you're not familiar with is expected, have someone home with you while they are there.
4. Please, for the sake of crime prevention and a better community, if you see a stranger entering your neighbor's house, or any suspicious activity, or suspect a sales or repairman, phone the police. They'll be glad to check the situation with no inconvenience to you.

Further, if you can get some information on the suspicious person or activity WITHOUT exposing yourself to any danger, attempt to get vehicle description such as make- model- color- and tag number, for a person describe the person and their clothing etc.