

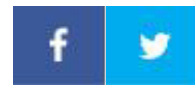
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Want to report a doorstep criminal



Doorstep Crime - Tree cutting services



We have received reports that doorstep criminals are active in the East Peckham area - all Kent residents should be on alert.

What happens

- Residents are cold-called for tree cutting work
- Exorbitant sums of money are demanded
- The criminals drive the resident to the bank to withdraw cash

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- NEVER agree to work being carried out from someone who knocks on your door uninvited
- Don't allow anyone to pressure you into having work done
- **If you ask them to leave and they don't, contact the police on 999**
- Use reputable traders who are members of the KCC Trading Standards approved trader scheme, run in partnership with [Checkatrade](#)
- Get a minimum of 3 quotes in writing

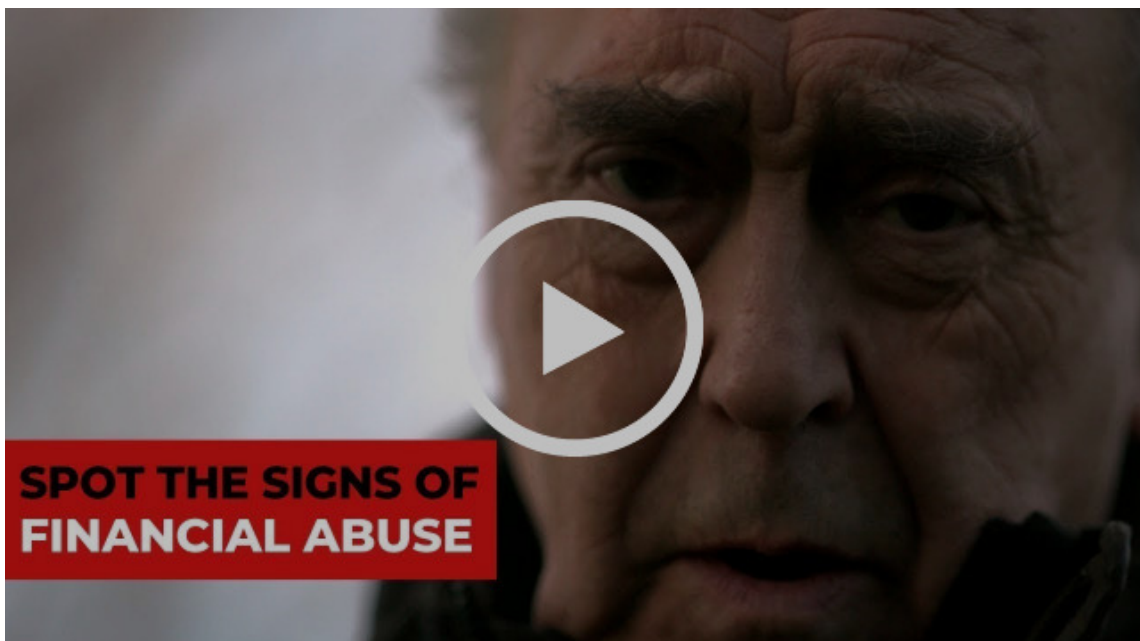
Warn vulnerable family members, friends and neighbours.

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Doorstep crime is financial abuse

Be alert to signs that someone you know has fallen prey to financial abuse. Anyone can be a target, but criminals will often target people when they are most vulnerable. Watch the video below to see how victims are targeted. If you have concerns about a neighbour, family member, friend, patient, client or someone you visit, [click here to learn about the questions to ask and how to report the crime.](#)

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