



# 17 PRECINCT



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## DECEPTION BURGLARIES

**Deception Burglary-** is a burglary committed by a person(s) gaining entry into a home by falsely presenting him/herself as an employee of a particular company. These impersonators use false covers such as; utility companies, delivery companies, and companies such as plumbing or electrical contractors. A common ploy being used is; "A pipe broke down the block and we have to check the water." Once inside, the perpetrator(s) manipulate and distract a victim while pocketing their valuables.

- Do not become a victim, do not allow strangers into your home.
- Verify alleged water company conditions by calling 311 for connection to the Department of Environmental Protection.
- To verify gas and electric issues, call Con Edison at 1-800-752-6633
- **NEVER** hesitate to call 911.

**These criminals often target elderly victims, and operate during normal business hours (9am-5pm), making them less likely to question the situation.**

The **NYPD's Crime Prevention Section** would like to share the following information to help you avoid becoming a victim of a deception burglary:

- If an unsolicited person(s) comes to your door offering work inside your home:
  - Do not open the door
  - Stay inside your home
  - Verify his/her I.D. through the view finder (peephole)
  - Contact the company to verify employee's legitimacy (company numbers may be looked up via internet or on your bill)
  - Keep a list of utility companies phone numbers in a convenient location
  - Do not invite anyone into your home while you verify a "work order."
  - **If you cannot verify the WORK I.D., feel unsafe, or suspect criminal activity, call 911 immediately!**

**\*\*\* REMEMBER \*\*\***

**NEVER** give out any financial information, particularly ... Social Security Number, credit card information, or bank account information

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