



## Crime Tips to Prevent Home Repair Scams

Don't be a victim of home repair scams. Arm yourself by being aware of the following red flags of potential home repair scams:

- Contractors who appear uninvited at your doorstep or who call or email you out of the blue.
- The contractor says they are doing work in your neighborhood and claims they have “extra material” left over
- You feel pressured to make a decision and sign a contract for the work immediately
- The contractor offers a “special deal” available “today only”
- The contractor points out a “problem” with your home that you never noticed yourself before. Some unscrupulous scam artists have been known to offer “free” inspections and then break something on purpose so they can be paid to “fix” the problem
- The contractor demands full payment up front, particularly if payment is demanded in cash.
- The contractor lacks identification, such as a permit from the city or locality
- Offers to give you a discount so that your home can be used as a “model” or if you find additional customers for him/her
- The contractor insists you come and examine “damage” with him (while some associate steals valuables from your home)
- Some of the more common types of home repair scam involve duct cleaning, driveway sealant, leaky foundations, landscaping, furnace and roofing repair. This is by no means an exhaustive list, however.
- Document in writing the scope of the work to be done and the complete cost and time necessary to complete the job and how payment will be handled.

If you are uncomfortable about the person you are talking to, please call the police department. Never invite a stranger into your home. All solicitors are required to have a permit to solicit in the City of Greenwood Village. If you have questions about a solicitation permit, you can call Greenwood Village Dispatch at 303-741-5960