



## Beware of Deception Burglaries

Deception Burglary- a burglary committed by a person(s) that gains entry to the home by posing as an employee of a particular company. This impersonation includes but is not limited to, utility companies, delivery companies and construction companies such as plumbing or electrical contractors. A common explanation is "A pipe broke down the block and we have to check the water",...Once inside the perpetrator(s) manipulate and distract a victim in order to obtain their valuables.

- Don't Become A Victim, Don't Let them In
- Verify The request by calling 311 for DEP water company issues
- To verify Con Edison call 1-800-752-6633
- Don't hesitate to call 911

These crimes are often targeted at elderly victims during normal business hours (9am-5pm) making them less likely to question the situation.

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

- If someone comes to your door offering work inside your home and you were never contacted in advance or requested such work:
  - Don't open the door
  - Stay inside your home
  - Verify his/her I.D. through the view finder
  - Contact the company to verify employee's I.D. (company numbers could 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" and person at your door
  - If you can't verify the I.D. ,you feel unsafe or suspect criminal activity call 911 immediately

**\*REMEMBER\***

**NEVER** give out any financial information, especially... Social Security Number  
Credit card information  
Bank account information