

Reminder for residents to beware of "spontaneous" home repair offers

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Holland Police are investigating several reports of individuals going door to door and asking home owner's permission to check their dryer vent/attic for a potential fire hazard. In one case, two individuals were allowed into a home to check an attic and clothes dryer and as a result they told the home owner of a hazard which they claimed was found and the need for installation of a lint filter to avoid potential risks. These individuals stayed for several hours and charged the home owner an exorbitant amount of money for the work, in this particular case almost 10 times what a local business has indicated this work should have cost. Police are following up on leads in these cases and hope to identify these individuals.

Police again are cautioning home owners to be aware of individuals or door to door solicitors that wish to explore a potential "problem" or entry into the home without prior contact or a prearranged appointment from a reputable business. Residents are urged to contact police to investigate situations which appear suspicious rather than to assume an individual is legitimate. Home owners should also seek to obtain a professional quote for work prior to allowing the work to begin.

Residents are urged to call police at 1-800-249-0911 if they wish to have suspicious circumstances checked out.

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