



RFRA Members - January 2010 Neighbourhood Watch

Be Alert

We have had a few calls recently from our members with respect to a water heater sales representative knocking on doors in the neighbourhood. We do not know who he is working for, or have confirmed who he says he is, however, thought it was important enough to make you all aware of the messages the Association has been receiving.

Our neighbours reported that a caucasian male has been knocking on their doors and:

(A) asking to enter the house to check on your water heater equipment and/ or asking to see your utility bills.

(B) asking to enter the house to use your telephone as his cell phone died while in the area working.

Although what he is doing does not appear to be a criminal act, the few homeowners that called us expressed concerns that this individual was asking to enter their home at night and commented on the inappropriate behaviour of rudeness they experienced. Please act with caution if you should encounter such circumstances and if forceful or poses a threat, please consider calling the Police.

It's because of the numerous calls we received, we thought the community should be made aware to act with caution. Again, we don't see this persons actions as being potentially criminal, but we're just being vigilant.

On a related side note, certain individuals may post themselves as a representative from your utility company and trying to help you save some money on your utility bills, but in most cases they work for an independent licensed marketing company. Exercise with care especially when being ask to sign a contract, as it is legal binding once signed.

Break Ins

Break Ins and Enters are common in any community and unfortunately, we are not immune in any way. We have had two break-in reports from our residents in the past few weeks. If you were broken into or have learned of a break in, we would like to hear from you.

Neighbourhood Watch is not effective unless we hear from our members and neighbours. Reports on break ins or any sort of concerning activity can be prevented if everyone is alerted. Please email your incident/concerns to info@rfra.ca and we will pass the message along to our members. Unfortunately, we only have about 250 members out of 700 homes so we can not reach out to everyone in this community, so please inform your neighbours of our program.

Crime Prevention Education

Crime prevention tips can be found on the York Regional's Police website at www.yrp.ca under Crime Prevention on their home page

Tips on how to secure your home and vehicles; how to protect yourself and your children; and how kids can protect themselves are just some of the few things you can find here.

Also on under this website, you can find online forms to report aggressive drivers under their RoadWatch program; reports on criminal activities that happen throughout a week in York Region and why YRP helicopter is circling around and much, much more.

Take a moment to surf around their website and gain valuable insight into what is happening in York Region and how we can help.

Visit www.rfra.ca— comments and emails can be sent to: info@rfra.ca
