



NORTHFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Press Release Suspicious Activity/Home Repair Scam May 18, 2017

The Northfield Police Department would like to inform the community of Suspicious Activity related to home repairs after the recent hail storms since May 14, 2017.

The Northfield Police Department has received reports of people going door-to-door seeking contract work to repair shingles and siding on residential homes. The Northfield Police urge community members to be cautious about inviting people into their homes or giving out personal, private information.

The Northfield Police have also received reports about community members receiving phone calls from home repair companies offering roof repair. The Northfield Police caution people receiving these types of calls from giving out personal information. These calls are possibly scams.

We offer the following tips regarding door-to-door and phone solicitation:

- If you believe you have storm damage to your home, call your insurance company and work with them to have your property evaluated.
- **Do Not** allow uninvited guests into your home.
- Ask any door-to-door solicitors for their ID and credentials; if they are legitimate, they should be happy to share any and all information about themselves and who they represent.
- Door-to-Door Solicitors are generally required to have a permit from the City; ask to see their City Permit.
- **Do Not** give out personal information or account information to individuals you did not contact yourself; this includes solicitation via phone, or personally at your home.

An Important Reminder: It is common for thieves to go door-to-door, checking to see if residents are home, and checking if doors are unlocked. If you see people going door-to-door, checking doors, and/or they don't seem to have a legitimate purpose:

- Call Police Dispatch immediately, while the individuals are in the area, (507) 645-4475.
- Get descriptions of persons and vehicles involved.
- **Please lock All doors to your Home, Garage, and Storage Sheds.** Unlocked doors are an open invitation to thieves, day or night.

The Northfield Police Department is asking anyone who wishes to make a report about these types of incidents to please call 507-645-4475.

