

## Inspection scam in South Milwaukee



The South Milwaukee Police Department has received information in regard to inspection scams being run in the Milwaukee County area again. Generally these scammers work in pairs where they gain access using fraudulent credentials and advising you they are there to inspect your residence, meters, or similar. One of the scammers will distract you in one area of the house while the other scammer is stealing from you.

It is important to remember to ask for, and inspect credentials before allowing any person into your residence. Utility workers, from nearly every company in the United States, are required to carry photo identification. Employees are also required to allow you to see that identification, if requested. If you feel something is not right, ask the employee to wait outside while you call the utility (or any other business) to verify work is being done in your area. **DO NOT** use a phone number the employee provides as this could be part of their scam. **DO NOT** allow strangers free access to your home, always accompany them while they do an inspection.

You can also call the South Milwaukee Police Department if you believe that a scam may be taking place. If you do not believe the person at the door is who they say they are, do not allow them inside your residence.

Please contact Officer Michael Hill at 414-768-8060 or [mhill@ci.south-milwaukee.wi.us](mailto:mhill@ci.south-milwaukee.wi.us) if you have any questions or concerns.

