



## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### THIEVES IMPERSONATING COUNCIL OFFICIALS

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2009

Fingal County Council has been notified of a number of incidents that have occurred recently in the Blanchardstown, Swords and Balbriggan areas of the County, where persons with criminal intent are impersonating Fingal County Council officials in order to gain access to peoples' homes with the intention of stealing valuables or cash. On some occasions, these persons have attempted to force their way into the house.

Home owners who have reported this to the Council have stated that the perpetrators posed as officials from Water Services Department who needed access to their home to turn off the water supply, and claimed to be carrying identity cards. Other callers have reported that these persons claiming to be from the Council are offering to provide services i.e. to clean cobblelock at a cost.

Fingal County Council is advising home owners to be extremely vigilant if they are confronted in the above manner. Before answering your door you should take the following steps:

- **Check to see if there is a van with the Fingal County Council logo on it (see logo above).**
- **Ask for the person's full name and ring Fingal County Council on (01) 890 5000 to confirm he or she is who they say they are.**

**If you cannot confirm the above, the advice is not to open your door and to report the incident to Fingal County Council.**

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