

Knock, Knock

Con Artist or Legitimate Home Security Salesperson?

As the weather warms up the number of door to door alarm salespeople seem to increase.

How can you tell the difference between a legitimate home security person and a con artist?

Be Wary!

You may be getting scammed if you hear the following:

- “I’m with Gill Security and we need to test or upgrade your system.”
Gill Security will never show up unannounced – while we offer complimentary reviews and testing of your existing security system we will always schedule an appointment in advance.
- “Gill Security is going out of business or was sold and we are taking over their accounts.”
Gill Security has no plans to close or sell our company!
- Use scare tactics such as talking about a rash of burglaries in the neighborhood or home invasions.
- Offers a (seemingly) free upgrade or free system – check the fine print – you will pay for the system somehow.
- Pressures you to make a quick decision by telling you it is a “Limited Time Offer”.

Be Cautious!

- North Carolina Law requires all security alarm sales representatives and technicians to be licensed and have a criminal background check. Always ask to see identification. Insist on getting a name and phone number for the headquarter office. Make a point of writing this information down in front of the representative.
- Do not let them touch or take photographs of your alarm system – they could be disconnecting it and planning to break into your unprotected home.
- If they make you feel uncomfortable and refuse to leave or persist when you have told them you are not interested – call law enforcement. It is much easier – and safer – to say “NO” on the doorstep. Try to avoid letting them into your home.

Be Informed!

- For more information visit these websites:

<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0195-some-home-security-systems-may-be-scams>

<http://www.ncdoj.gov/getdoc/64264d79-a408-4607-9e18-21222ba2b33e/Scams-Booklet-2-10-2017.aspx>

<http://www.ncdoj.gov/Consumer.aspx>

