



ALERT

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Want to report a doorstep criminal



If you have an external letterbox - beware!



Image Above: A criminal caught in the act by a Bearsted resident's video doorbell.

Mail can provide fraudsters with a lot of the information they need to commit a crime of fraud or identity theft. It's also reasonably easy to intercept someone's mail, especially if they have an external mailbox.

What happens

- The criminals search an area for external letterboxes and steal documents such as bank statements.
- When the cards arrive, the criminal collects them from the external mailbox.

What to do

- Make sure your letterbox is secure and cannot be accessed by anyone else or install an anti-theft letterbox
- Empty your mailbox regularly.
- If you have been a victim of this type of crime call Kent Police on 101

To further protect yourself from this type of crime, consider doing a regular credit check to see if any applications you don't recognise appear. You can do this for free with some services.

Please warn vulnerable family members, friends and neighbours.