



BBB SENIOR ALERT

Pavers Are Going Door-To-Door! Beware!!

Every year there are con men that knock on seniors' doors.
Every year we issue warnings about dealing with these people.
Every year seniors hire them and get scammed by them.

We recently received a complaint: Two men came to a senior's home saying they had driveway sealant left over from another job. They gave her a flier showing that they were a BBB Accredited Business Member (oh brother!!). After sloppily applying a little sealant, they said they ran out and had to get more. The senior gave them a check for \$400.

You know "the rest of the story" - they never came back. The senior called her bank - check was cashed. She called our office but all she could provide us was a name and disconnected phone number. We assured her the company was definitely NOT a BBB Accredited Business and forwarded her complaint to law enforcement.

If someone comes to your home and offers to seal the driveway, fix the chimney, paint the garage, etc., our BBB suggests the following:

1. Most reputable companies don't go door-to-door saying they have left over sealant or paint. Don't open the door, especially if "your gut" says don't open it.
2. Make sure your back door and all other doors are locked. We have received reports where these crooks have entered homes and stole while the home owner was busy at the front door.
3. If they ask to use the restroom - just say no. Often times they ask if their child could use the restroom. Unfortunately, they teach their children to steal at a very young age.

Before doing business with any unknown company, get the company name, address, phone number and call us for their report at:

419-531-3116 or toll free 1-800-743-4222 or www.bbb.org