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HOME RENOVATION FRAUD

Courtesy of the Toronto Police, I'd like to share with you some tips to prevent home renovation fraud. Although these are geared toward Seniors, I think anyone can be caught off guard:

- *Be wary of people arriving at your door claiming to be "In the neighbourhood" offering "Senior's discounts today only". If the deal is good today, it will be good tomorrow.*
- *Demand a few days to think about the deal. The law states that if you as the buyer negotiate a contract in a place other than the vendor's permanent place of business, you may cancel that contract by giving written notice to the ven-*

dor within two days of receiving your copy of the contract. Contact your lawyer or the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations for more information.

- *Make sure the senior's discount is legitimate.*
- *Find out through other contractors the legitimate price of the work being offered, then you will know if you are getting a discount.*
- *Ask questions, and do not always believe the answers.*
- *Ask for and check references.*
- *Ask for an estimate, call around and get at least two other estimates.*
- *Check out the company with the Ontario*

Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations and ask for assistance.

- *No matter what this person tells you at the door, do not be in a rush. Take your time and be an educated consumer.*

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