

SEPA stresses importance of checking staff ID

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The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) is reminding people in Perthshire, Clackmannanshire and Stirling of the importance of checking staff credentials, after a homeowner in Greenloaning was visited by a man impersonating a SEPA officer.

They were visited on Saturday 17 August by an individual who told them he was from SEPA. He wanted to inspect trees on their property to see if work, which they would have to pay for, was required. They refused his request and informed SEPA.

SEPA's Chief Executive, Terry A'Hearn, said:

"We understand that this was a worrying incident for those involved and have reported the matter to Police Scotland. SEPA officers do not carry out work on people's property, and if anyone else has a similar experience I encourage them to contact the Police straight away."

"All SEPA staff carry appropriate photographic identification and should always show it to you. If you are approached by someone claiming to be from SEPA ask to see their ID, especially if you don't recognise them.

"Anyone with any concerns, can always call SEPA's 24 hour Contact Centre on 03000 99 66 99 to check out the details of any officers visiting them."

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