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COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE - DIGITAL SWITCHOVER

LEIGHTON BUZZARD RURAL SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM COMMUNITY SAFETY UPDATE

TV reception in the UK is being changed from analogue to digital. This is the biggest public service project for many years. The switchover will affect every household in the UK and the structured rollout starts in 2008 and ends in 2012.

Digital UK is the independent, not for profit organisation, leading the digital television switchover in the UK. They have appointed Regional Managers' to ensure a smooth transition during the switchover.

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The above may be contacted with any enquiries about the digital switchover, especially as the switchover process may generate opportunities for doorstep crime. This can include bogus workmen, unsolicited sales calls, miss selling, as well as distraction burglary; methods of entry such as "I need to tune your television" or "Your TV aerial won't work".

There are always people who use clever and persuasive tactics to try to make a fast buck on the back of something new like the switchover.

Tips for avoiding scams –

- ◆ No-one from Digital UK will call without an appointment. Turn away all uninvited doorstep callers who claim to be linked to Digital UK.
- ◆ Demand identification from unidentified callers – and call the company to check that they are who they say they are.
- ◆ Don't agree to any work on the spot. Take time to think about what work (if any) you want done.
- ◆ Only buy goods and services you need for the switchover from reputable retailers and traders that carry the digital tick.
- ◆ If any offer seems too good to be true – in a leaflet, advert, by phone, e-mail or personal approach – it probably is. Be wary and read the details of the deal carefully.

Further information about digital switchover and the crime prevention message can be found on the website www.digitaluk.co.uk following the 'how do I switch' and 'avoiding scams' links.