



# KERRY DEAF RESOURCE CENTRE

KDRC provides services to deaf, deafened, hard of hearing & hearing customers on deaf and hard of hearing related issues. Appointments can be arranged via our Centre in Tralee.

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## BOGUS/ FAKE COLLECTORS PRETENDING TO BE FROM DEAF ORGANISATIONS.

Last week we were informed that a man was going around the Racecourse Road/ Racecourse Lawn area in Tralee saying he was from the Deaf Association of Ireland. When question about his ID, he had none on him. He was trying to sell toys.

We immediately put this up on our Facebook page and the information was shared widely across social media. For those who are not aware of the issue, in one house, the resident there said the



person ***"pushed his way into our hall passed our daughter. He didn't realise my husband was behind the door. He's wearing a yellow padded jacket, a wool hat and has a backpack. Please be careful"***.

We have since been informed that another person is now calling door to door, this time it is a woman. One of our Facebook readers informed us that ***"There is also a lady going around yesterday that called to my house and handed my mother a laminated card saying "I am Dumb" she was selling door decorations and when my mom said in sign "no thank you" and she blew her back a kiss thinking she was saying "thank you"*** .

We have now been informed of bogus collectors calling to houses in The Kerries, an area outside Tralee and in Listowel town too. We do not know if this is a team of people or whether they are acting alone. However, we can assume that they are travelling throughout the county. These are not one-off incidents unfortunately. We know from friends & colleagues working in the deaf community throughout Ireland, that bogus/fake collectors have been seen in other counties too.

Our advice to everyone is **'do not give these people any money'**. We are not aware of any collections being held in Tralee or the surrounding areas. Generally, house to house collections do not take place and if they did, the person would have to have official ID with them and a Garda Collection Permit also.

As the resident in one of the houses have said, please be careful and if you have any concerns, please report this to the Gardai. If you are aware of any further incidents, please let us know and we will pass this on to Gardai stations in the area. Thank you.