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Fraudulent Tree Surgeons

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Nottinghamshire County Council's Trading Standards Service have responded to several incidents in the past month involving bogus tree surgeons. Elderly residents have been cold called at the door and then large amounts of money have been demanded for unnecessary work. Bogus tree surgeons often use vehicles that look legitimate, which are sign written and are also towing equipment.

This time of year does see a rise in fraudulent activity related to garden and house maintenance.

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