

Criminals are exploiting vulnerable people by taking over their homes to deal drugs and commit other crimes



Cuckooing is where a criminal befriends an individual who lives on their own. The criminal then moves in and uses the property to operate unlawful activity. Victims are often lonely, isolated and vulnerable.

Spotting the Signs



Increase of vehicles stopping at the property, often for short periods



Increase of anti-social behaviour around the property



Open drug dealing near the property



Not seeing the resident of the property as often



Increase of the number of people coming and going at various times of the day or night



What to do if you are concerned about someone who might be a victim of cuckooing



Police

In an emergency
Call: 999
For non-emergency concerns
Call: 101

Council

Speak to the Adult's Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub:
Call: 020 8496 3000
Email: WFDLiaison@walthamforest.gov.uk

Crimestoppers

Anonymously report any concerns
Call: 0800 555 111