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MEDIA RELEASE

AMPS RECEIVE COMPLAINTS OF DOOR-TO-DOOR HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTOR ON KAWEHNO:KE

On April 7, 2022, the Akwesasne Mohawk Police Service received a complaint about a home improvement contractor that offered to provide upgrades and repairs to a residence on Kawehno:ke. The contractor has been going door-to-door and advised the complainant that he worked for a business offering these services.

The Mohawk Council of Akwesasne requires that any individuals, companies, or representatives that are non-members and enter the territory soliciting business door-to-door must obtain an Itinerant Vendor Permit. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the issuance of these permits has been placed on hold until the Emergency Declaration has been lifted.

The Akwesasne Mohawk Police are asking residents to be mindful that home improvement scams can start with a knock on the door, a flyer, or an ad. The contractor may offer a low price or a short timeframe. One common hook is when the scammer claims to be working in your neighborhood on another project and has leftover supplies. Once started, the contractor may "find" issues that significantly raise the price.