



STRANGER DANGER

COULD BEING POLITE MAKE YOU AN UNINTENTIONAL ACCOMPLICE TO CRIME?

Picture it: you've just swiped your access card to get into the office. Someone with hands full of coffee mugs behind you says sweetly: "Please could you be a darling and hold the door?" It's our instinct as humans to be polite – but at what cost?

Human hackers, also called "social engineers", play on our trusting nature. They frequently target organisations using classic attack strategies, like entering your workplace and snooping around. They may pose as an employee, visitor or maintenance person.

Physical security is something we are aware of in our homes and on the streets, but what about at work?

THERE ARE A COUPLE OF BASIC THINGS TO DO TO STAY SAFE:



Ensure visitors sign in and don't let them roam alone.



Don't swipe anyone into access controlled areas using your access card.



Keep your desk clean, and lock important papers away.



Don't write down your passwords.



Always lock your device if you are not at your desk.



If you notice anything suspicious, contact physical security.

