



# Behind Closed Doors: **The Cuckooing Hazard Perception Test**

## **Hazard Hints**

The following is a list of 'warning signs' that appear in the VR experience 'Behind Closed Doors: The Cuckooing Hazard Perception Test'. To learn more about cuckooing, and how to spot the signs that an address has been cuckooed, consult the Cuckooing Research & Prevention Network Toolkit.



## Scenario 1: **Dave**

### Outside

- Social housing
- Block of flats
- Attempts to prevent access to the property

### Inside

- Drugs paraphernalia
- Piles of takeaway boxes
- Items that do not belong to the resident
- 'Friends' act in an abusive manner
- Visible injuries
- The resident presents as dazed, frightened and hopeless
- The resident has a connection to the homeless community
- Bedroom is not accessible
- Door keys are missing

## Scenario 2: **Jaz**

### Outside

- House of multiple occupation
- 'Friend' knows the access code to the building
- Neighbours complain of frequent loud parties
- Damage to CCTV equipment

### Inside

- Recent care leaver
- Dishevelled appearance
- 'Friend' is defensive and speaks on behalf of the resident
- Unconvincing explanation as to why an older male is present
- Evidence of a party and sexual behaviour

## Scenario 3: **Sarah**

### Outside

- Private-rented property
- Single mum
- New romantic relationship may involve controlling behaviour
- Disengagement from support network
- Neighbours report strange activity

### Inside

- Boxes containing expensive goods
- Multiple locks on external doors
- Romantic partner is hostile and intimidating
- The resident presents as apologetic and nervous

## Scenario 4: **Ravi**

### Outside

- The resident does not answer the door
- Unknown individuals have access to the property
- Rehearsed accounts are offered

### Inside

- Elderly male
- Recently bereaved
- Poor physical and mental health
- 'Friends' seek to correct the resident when he speaks
- Living arrangements are unclear
- 'Friends' have access to the resident's finances and car





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