



**Your next
phone call
could be
a scam...
Are you
prepared?**

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Your identity could be stolen in the blink of an eye

Nearly half of the phone calls people receive are scam calls. Last year alone, people reported losing \$1.48 billion to fraud. Don't let yourself become a victim.

Unfortunately, con artists are trying to take advantage of people in order to make money. Here are some tips to avoid becoming victim to malicious scammers:

- Resist the pressure to act quickly.
- Ask for the caller's name, business title, and the business's phone number, address, mailing address, and a business license number before you do business with them.
- Ask for hard copies about the services, products, or offers they are making to be sent to your house for review.
- Never wire money as the result of a phone request, especially overseas.
- Don't give out your Social Security Number or Medicare information.

Report any fraud to your local, state, or federal law enforcement agencies.

You may also contact:

- **AARP ElderWatch** at 1-800-222-4444, option 2
- **Consumer Financial Protection Bureau** at 1-855-411-2372
- **State Department Office of Overseas Citizen Services (OCS)** at 1-888-407-4747
- **FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center** at www.ic3.gov

Nuisance Call Act

This year **we have officially passed the Nuisance Call Act (A.2224)**, which requires telemarketers to be more transparent with their customers, makes it easier to add customers to a company's do-not-call list, and prevents companies from sharing customers' information without their written consent.

While this legislation will not completely eliminate the problem of unsolicited illegal nuisance calls, it is expected to provide some sorely needed relief from unscrupulous telemarketer agencies.

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