



America's broadband providers are committed to protecting consumers from illegal robocalls.

# Protect Yourself From Illegal Robocalls

While there is no easy solution to combatting illegal robocalls, there are clear DO'S and DON'TS you can follow to protect yourself.

# DO'S

- → DO take advantage of call blocking and labeling services provided by your service provider
- → DO register with the FTC's Do-Not-Call list and file complaints
- → DO reach out to your state's public service commission or consumer protection office to see if your state has a do not call list and how to register your number or numbers
- → DO contact your bank or utility using the phone number on their website if you receive a robocall asking for confidential information
- → DO check out the <u>FCC's website</u> that provides robocall blocking resources
- → DO educate yourself about common scams

### **DON'TS**

- → DON'T answer calls from an unfamiliar number or labeled as spam
- → DON'T call back a number left on a voicemail unless it is the same number found on their website
- → DON'T push any buttons especially if the caller instructs you to do so
- → DON'T engage with the robocaller making the call
- → DON'T ever share personal and financial information
- → DON'T ever pay for anything over the phone with things like gift cards

## **RESOURCES**

- → National Do Not Call Registry
- → Federal Communications Commission
- → Federal Trade Commission

In 2020, the FCC fined a telemarketer **\$225 MILLION** for transmitting approximately **1 BILLION ROBOCALLS**\*

 $Source: \underline{\textit{https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-fines-telemarketer-225-million-spoofed-robocalls}}$