

Hot Tip #8



809 Area Code Scam

Understanding this scam could save you time and money.

You may have heard or seen emails about the 809 area code scam. As your Telemangement Services provider, we wanted to be sure that you are fully informed about this scam that may impact your business.

Although much of the information circulated on the internet about the scam is true, some of it has become exaggerated. Here's the truth about the scam and what you can do to avoid it.

How it works:

You get a voicemail, email, page, or call informing you that either a relative has passed away, you've won a prize, or someone has been arrested, basically an urgent message. The message indicates that you should quickly call them back for more information and the number they leave starts with the 809 area code. The scam has also been traced using area codes 284 and 876.

Much of the information on the internet states you may be charged up to \$2400 per minute for the call. However charges for these are usually more like \$25 to \$100 per minute (still way more than is reasonable).

Why it works:

The 809 area code is a real area code in Bahamas. Since the area code is not in the US, it's not covered by US regulations of 900 numbers, which require that the caller be notified and warned of charges and rates involved when you call a "pay-per-call" number.

How to protect yourself:

One easy way is if you don't regularly make international calls, you could request to block outgoing international calls. Another way to protect yourself is to be aware of the scams and educate your employees about them.

The Better Business Bureau has strongly recommended that if you are asked to dial an 809, 284, or 876 area code, to investigate it further before calling it. Before calling to an area code that is unfamiliar to you, you can always call ITS to verify rates for calling that area code. 800-876-4ITS (4487)

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