# Stopping Unwanted Calls



**Register your numbers with the National Do Not Call Registry** (1-888-382-1222 or online at www.donotcall.gov)

Ask your local phone company about custom calling features

### **Unwanted calls on your landline?**

Use these star codes:

Selective Call Rejection (\*60) - Allows you to program your phone to block unwanted calls from numbers placed on your rejection list.

**Anonymous Call Rejection (\*77)** - Stops your phone from ringing when callers have blocked their number.

**Selective Call Acceptance (\*64)** - Allows you to limit incoming calls to a preapproved list of phone numbers.



## Consider a call-blocking device

These devices come with a spam call database so you can block hundreds of calls instantly on your landline. They can reject calls shown as private, international, unknown, or fake numbers. Some permit you to block a state, area, or international country code. Call-blocking devices are available at major retailers and online.

## Three ways to stop unwanted calls on a smart phone:





#### **Built-in Features**

Smart phones come with the ability to block calls from a specific number.



#### **Carrier-Provided Features**

Carriers offer services to identify and block unwanted calls. Some services are free, others for a small fee. Check with your carrier for info.



#### **Call-Blocking Apps**

Third-party call blocking apps are available, most for free. They may require access to your contacts or call history. Read the app's Terms of Service and Privacy Policy before installing.

## Reporting

If you're still receiving unwanted calls, report them to these agencies:

#### **Federal Communications Commission**

1-800 CALL-FCC (800-225-5322) www.consumercomplaints.fcc.gov Federal Trade Commission 1-877-FTC-HELP (877-382-4357) www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov www.donotcall.gov



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