

No-call registry first step to avoid telephone scams

Over the past few years, thousands of Kansans have registered their phone numbers with the Do Not Call Registry, cutting back on the number of telemarketing calls they receive. Unfortunately, this has not stopped telemarketers from finding new ways to violate the law and get your money or personal information.



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If you haven't registered yet, you can do that by calling (888) 382-1222 or going to www.ag.ks.gov/mocall. Once you have been on the registry for 31 days, most businesses are prohibited from calling you to attempt to sell you a product or service. Exceptions include calls soliciting charitable donations, calls concerning political candidates or issues and calls from businesses with which you have a prior relationship.

Scam artists will also often try to target victims over the telephone. Here are some of the latest telephone scams reported to our office.

Tech support

Consumers throughout the state have reported being called by someone claiming to be technical support for Microsoft or other software companies. The caller tells the consumer that his or her software license has expired and must be renewed. They may ask for payment over the phone or direct the consumer to a website where they can enter their payment information. In addition to gaining access to your credit card or bank account number, these sites can also be a source of viruses which allow the scammer to steal even more of your personal information.

Software companies will not contact you over the phone to offer unsolicited technical support. If you do need technical assistance, contact your software

provider directly by using a number provided with your software or through the company's legitimate website.

Text messages

A growing number of companies are using text messages to inform their customers of sales and special offers. This can be a useful marketing tool for companies, and valuable to customers, as long as they have opted to receive these messages. If you receive unsolicited text message offers you have not signed up for, be suspicious. Be especially wary of text messages claiming you have won a prize and asking you to respond to claim it. This is just another way scammers can try to gain access to your money and personal information.

Getting you to contact them

Scammers are also getting around no-call laws by finding ways for you to contact them. This may come in the form of unsolicited postcards or emails offering extended car warranties, magazine subscriptions or get-rich-quick or work-from-home schemes. Abide by the old saying, "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is."

You may be better off not answering calls from numbers you do not recognize on your caller ID. Legitimate businesses and individuals trying to contact you will leave you a message and include a number where you can call them back. If you do receive unsolicited calls after registering on the Do-Not-Call list, please let us know. You can file a complaint with our Consumer Protection Division by visiting our website www.ag.ks.gov. For information, call our Consumer Protection Hotline at (800) 432-2310.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

Tuesday

7 a.m. – Caller reported dog at large. Not found.
7:32 a.m. – Dog at large caught, turned over to Colby Animal Clinic.
1:09 p.m. – Manager came to station about possible phone harassment. Report filed.
2:07 p.m. – Walk through at Walmart.
2:30 p.m. – Funeral block.
4:05 p.m. – Provided motorist assistance at I-70 exit ramp 53.
4:15 p.m. – Provided information on civil matter.
5:55 p.m. – Subject came to station in reference to being assaulted. Report filed for battery and disorderly conduct.
9:15 p.m. – Provided traffic control at westbound I-70 exit ramp.

Wednesday

2:07 a.m. – Escorted subject to residence.
1:03 p.m. – Subject came to station about lost license plate. Report filed, entered in National Crime Information Center.
1:25 p.m. – Caller reported stalled vehicle at Fourth and Range. Provided traffic control; Butch's towed vehicle.
1:44 p.m. – Provided information to transient.
3:31 p.m. – Accident.
9 p.m. – Protective custody report filed.
10 p.m. – Noise complaint: caller advised of party. Report filed for minor in possession.
11:39 p.m. – Caller reported a

domestic. No report, verbal only.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

Monday

8:11 a.m. – Booked Nathaniel Raye Horinek.
8:40 a.m. – Caller reported dead deer in roadway in the 400 block of old U.S. 24. Removed from roadway.
10:54 a.m. – Released Kenneth Lee Barrera.
2:59 p.m. – Served arrest warrant.
4:02 p.m. – Driving under the influence report filed following a call advising of vehicle swerving all over roadway.
4:02 p.m. – Accident report filed for above complaint.
6:41 p.m. – Booked Rustin Leiker.
7:33 p.m. – Released Brian Allen.
9:26 p.m. – Provided information to subject on phone about civil matter.
9:39 p.m. – 911 hang-up: unable to make contact with caller and physical address.

Tuesday

8:32 a.m. – Released Leiker.
11:52 a.m. – Served arrest and detain order for Northwest Kansas Community Corrections.
12:29 p.m. – Booked Karlee Shenise Wilson.
1:20 p.m. – Served arrest and detain order for Northwest Kansas Community Corrections.
2:23 p.m. – Booked Evan Drew Mainus.
4:16 p.m. – Took two inmates to Sherman County.
7:15 p.m. – Booked Dannette Turner.
7:31 p.m. – Released Turner.
7:47 p.m. – Booked Kristine Ahrens.
8:08 p.m. – Released Ahrens.
8:25 p.m. – Took two inmates to Rawlins County.
10:21 p.m. – Provided directions to motorist at Nine-Mile Corner.

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Close calls happen all too often in work zones

"You could feel the impact of the car hitting the barrier wall. They hit the wall within five feet of where we had been."

That was part of the story told by Vincent Grier, a highway worker with the Kansas Department of Transportation, at a statewide safety event Tuesday in Topeka. Grier was recounting the time a motorist drove through a work zone on I-70, nearly hitting him and a co-worker.

"I heard screeching, and there was a car coming right at us in our

cone-off lane," Grier said. "The only place to go was either out into traffic or jump over the wall."

Unfortunately, this was similar to other stories Grier shared about close calls in work zones. Grier was joined at the event by Kansas Transportation Secretary Mike King and Kansas Highway Patrol Superintendent Ernest Garcia.

The safety event was one of several activities planned as part of National Work Zone Awareness Week, April 23-27, which is an effort to raise awareness of

the hazards and dangers highway workers face every day.

And the danger isn't just an issue for highway workers.

"Work zones can be very dangerous for highway workers, but statistics show that nearly 90 percent of the time, it's the motorists who are injured or killed," said Secretary King.

Last year in Kansas work zones, 566 people were injured and 11 people were killed.

When traveling through a work zone, motorists should:

- Follow traffic control.
- Stay alert.
- Watch for workers.
- Expect delays.
- Allow ample space between you and the car in front of you.
- Change lanes when directed to do so.

Information on work zone safety can be found at www.ksdot.org by clicking on the Go Orange logo.

The link includes safety blogs, videos featuring upcoming construction and other features.

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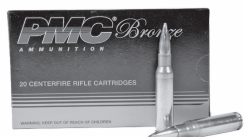
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