



TELEMARKETING SCAMS

Immediately **HANG UP** the phone if you hear...

“You must act now or the offer won’t be good”

“You’ve won a “free gift” But you have to pay for ‘postage and handling’ or other charges”

“You can’t afford to miss this high-profit, no risk offer”

- Never give personal information to someone on the phone unless you initiated the call.
- Don’t be pressured to make an immediate decision. Get all information in writing before you agree to buy.
- Don’t pay for something merely because you’ll get a “free gift”.
- Check out the organization or charity before you give or buy.
- Take control of the calls your received.

PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY!

No legitimate business will initiate a call to you to verify or ask you for your personal information. This includes your Social Security number, verification of your personal address, email, bank account numbers, CID numbers on credit cards, and phone number.

If you receive calls asking for this information and it’s a company you do business with, **hang up immediately**. Call the business directly and verify that they indeed initiated the call. The IRS, and all legitimate business will initiate contact with you via mail delivered from the United States Postal Service.