

My mother who lives by use to get incessant calls that would take hold of her phone line even when you hung up on telephone call, you could not still dial out after I guess the fax call timed out. I suspected it was a fax machine by the noise it generated so I hooked up a fax machine to my mothers line and received the senders fax number. I called information for that area code and determined that it was an AutoDealership out of Western Mass, anyways I called them to explain we were getting faxes from them. They said they would look into it. Anyways the calls continued including for example at 3 AM typical calls and as you know if there is no fax machine on receiving end, senders fax continues to try to connect to the intended receiptient fax number. I did re hook up a fax machine to verify if it was the same auto dealership that was faxing out to my mothers phone number. My mother was clearly upset as these calls disrupted her sleep. I suggested we press charges but my mother didn't want to go that route so I clearly became frustrated. These calls continued close to a year, remarkably my mother did not want to press charges. Finally the calls stopped. I do not know how my mothers telephone number was on this Auto Dealerships Fax Calling List but I will state that these type of calls are not just a minor inconvenience but they affect your stress levels.

In other instances, this to my own phone line, I had the Local Police Dept members doing volunteer work for their charities. I told them I was not interested in donating to the local Police Force benefit and that I reminded them that this is a private phone listing. This continued at least 1 more time till I clearly stated not to call my number for telemarketing solicitations and that stopped. My local Newspaper Company trying to gain subscribers called me also and it took a few times and I clearly insisted not to call this number for telemarketing solicitations. I called my telephone company explaining this to them, how my phone number is private and unlisted and shouldn't be on a telemarketing list from the Local Police Force and Newspaper. The phone company representative said there was nothing they could do, that their best suggestion would be to call your state representative and tell them that the laws should be changed that noone can call unlisted phone numbers unsolicited. I just let it go of the issue at that point. I just want to state when I receive those calls that the solicitors are so aggressive that you have to be impolite to stop the solicitation, that being polite and declining is not a no to these people and I don't like being pressured to agree to their solicitations. Anyways though these issues might appear as an inconvenience by others, they are far more than that because they are incessant in their aggressive telemarketing solicitations.