

There absolutely should be a national list so people can make one call or send a postcard or e-mail and stop telemarketing calls. I can put a "no soliciting" sign on my door and have anyone who violates it arrested. Why can't I do the same thing with my phone? Phone calls are worse than knocks at the door - at least I have a peephole in the door! There should be no exemptions or loopholes. Period! I also shouldn't have to give my name or other personal information to get on the list. If the number is on the list, you can't make telemarketing calls to it - I don't care who you are!

The number of telemarketing calls I get now is totally out of hand. Although I always tell them to stop calling me, it seems that many don't listen to me, and there are just more calls every week. Sometimes they say they are not selling anything when they really are, or they want to send me free samples or trials of things. I don't want them. What I want is for telemarketers to stop calling me. I include the newspaper in this too, even though I read the paper. Just because I subscribe to the paper doesn't give them the right to keep calling me to sell me a longer subscription. Let them send me a letter or something, but telephone calls are so annoying!

I have caller-ID on my phone but telemarketers never show up on it. Their numbers are always blocked or unknown, even though some of them are local businesses that I know caller-ID should work for. This is really unfair. I have heard that some telemarketers intentionally use old telephone equipment or operate from places where caller-ID won't work. If someone is going to do telemarketing, they ought to have to locate in a place and use equipment that will send the caller-ID signal. That should be the law. I know for example that companies operating buses and cars carrying the public have to use equipment meeting certain standards. Why can't the same apply to telemarketers?