

Up until very recently, even in homes with no landline phone service, the phone companies were required to let you call 911 in an emergency. How many lives have been saved by this? In homes too poor to afford a landline phone, how many children were saved from a death by choking. How many elderly too poor to pay for phone service survived a heart attack or stroke because someone was able to call 911?

Today we received a mass-mailed form letter from AT&T. It was informing us that because of a recent change in the law, AT&T is no longer required to provide 911 services to landlines without service. And since they are no longer REQUIRED to do the right thing, they choose to NOT do the right thing. From now on you can only call for the police, or the fire department, or an ambulance if you can AFFORD to! This is corporate greed at it's worst!!!

We ask that AT&T and other landline phone service providers do the right thing and continue to allow the poor to dial 911 free of charge.