

CALLER ID SCAM USING NUMBERS YOU KNOW

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Scammers are using fake caller ID information to trick you into thinking they're someone who can be trusted. The practice is called caller ID spoofing, and scammers can fake anyone's phone number.

Never give in to requests for money or for sensitive information such as your Social Security number, date of birth, or bank account information.

Scammers are constantly picking new phone numbers to spoof. Here are a few tips for staying ahead of scammers and their unexpected calls:

- If you get a strange call from a government phone number, hang up. If you want to check it out, visit the official (.gov) website for contact information.
- Don't give out — or confirm — your personal or financial information to someone who calls.
- Don't wire money or send money using a reloadable card. In fact, never pay someone who calls out of the blue, even if the name or number on the caller ID looks legit.
- Feeling pressured to act immediately? Hang up. That's a sure sign of a scam.