



Fraud Alert!

C.A.S.E. Program – From Weld County District Attorney Kenneth R. Buck

STOP the Telemarketers! (Or at least slow them down)

Anyone who has a phone line at home this political season is probably getting tired of all the calls. Between the political polls, charities and solicitors, it might seem like the phone never stops ringing.

While you can't stop all the annoying dinner-time calls, you can take steps to greatly reduce the amount of calls that you receive from telemarketers.

By adding your number to the national do not call registry, most telemarketers are forbidden by law from contacting you. Signing up for the registry is quick and free. To register all your phone numbers, go online to www.donotcall.gov

After your number is listed on the do not call registry for 31 days, you can file complaints on the same website if telemarketers continue to call.

You should also add your phone numbers to the Colorado No-Call List, by visiting www.coloradonocall.com

Be aware that signing up for these lists does not stop all unwanted calls from charities and political campaigns, but it will stop many telemarketers.

Tips to remember:

- Be suspicious of anyone calling your home or office promising prizes and awards if you agree to participate in their promotion. Most often, those prizes don't exist.
- **Never give your credit card or bank account number to a stranger calling you on the telephone.**
- Never agree to purchase products sight unseen.
- Don't be pressured into participating by claims that "today is the last day of promotion," or "you must act now or you will lose out." This is usually just a ploy to get you to buy.



Immediately report to your local police agency if you think you are a victim of crime.
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