

How To Sign Up for the No-Call List

Signing up your home or cell phone number for the no-call list is quick, easy and free

1. Call toll-free 1-888-382-1222 (or 1-866-290-4236 for TTY)
2. Sign up online at www.donotcall.gov

Opting Out of Pre-Approved Credit Card Solicitations

If you are not in the market for a new credit card or insurance policy, you may sign up to opt out of these pre-screened mail offers for either five years or on a permanent basis.



To stop prescreened solicitations based on lists from the major consumer reporting companies, call toll-free **1-888-5-OPTOUT** (1-888-567-8688, TTD 1-877-730-4105) or visit www.optoutprescreen.com

This service requires you to provide certain personal information, including your telephone number, name, Social Security number and date of birth. This information is kept confidential and used only to process your opt-out request.

Removing your name from prescreened lists has no effect on your ability to apply for or obtain credit or insurance.

The same telephone number and web site can be used to opt back in for these offers.

Understanding the Kansas No Call Act

You can greatly reduce the number of unwanted calls to your home or cell phone by signing up for the no-call list.

According to Kansas Law, the no-call list must be used any person or business that intends to call Kansas residents for any of the following purposes:

- ❶ Soliciting the sale of property or services
- ❷ Soliciting the extension of credit for property or services
- ❸ Obtaining information that may be used for the first three purposes.

After you register, your phone number will show up on the list the next day. Telemarketers have up to 31 days to remove your number from their call list.

Telemarketers are prohibited from using no-call list information for any purpose other than removing names from their call list.

- Placing your phone number on the no-call list will help eliminate unwanted calls, but there are a few exceptions to the law:
 - ♦ Telemarketing laws are aimed at companies trying to sell you something and do not apply to calls for charitable organizations, political candidates or non-profit issues.
 - ♦ A company may still call you if you have given them authorization or done business with the company within the past 36 months.
 - ♦ Business numbers are exempt from the Kansas No-Call Act.
 - ♦ Your no-call registration only lasts five years, after which you may re-register.
 - ♦ Every time a phone number changes ownership, it is removed from the no-call list. If you receive a new phone number, you will need to register that number.



Direct Mail and Email Opt-Out Registry

To receive less national advertising mail, you can register for the Direct Marketing Association's (DMA's) Mail Preference Service for both postal and electronic mail. The DMA is a national, private marketing association that requires its members to use their name-removal service and encourages all direct mail companies to use the list.

To sign up instantly online, visit www.dmaconsumers.org/consumerassistance.html

You may also send a letter requesting your name and email removal (along with a check or money order for \$1) to:
MAIL PREFERENCE SERVICE (MPS)
P.O. Box 282
Carmel, NY 10512



Message from
Attorney General Stephen Six:



Dear Kansans,

One of the top complaints received by my Consumer Protection Office involves the excess junk mail and telemarketing phone calls you receive to your home.

This brochure contains information for taking your name off marketing lists used by telemarketers and direct mail companies. While you won't be able to stop all commercial mail and unknown callers, following these steps will greatly reduce the amount of unwanted solicitations you receive.

Remember to always be careful providing personal information over the phone and by mail to people you don't know. Removing your name from marketing lists is one step you can take today to help protect yourself from potential scams.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen N. Six".

Stephen N. Six

General Consumer Tips:

Follow these tips to greatly reduce the amount of junk mail and telemarketing calls you receive:

- ◆ Avoid giving out your phone number unless absolutely necessary.
- ◆ Register with the National Do Not Call Registry.
- ◆ Ask telemarketers who call you to put your number on their "do not call" list.
- ◆ Get an unlisted number.
- ◆ Screen calls with your answering machine, many telemarketers hang up if they reach a machine.
- ◆ Register with the Direct Marketing Association's Mail Preference Service.
- ◆ Opt out of pre-approved credit offers by calling 1-888-5-OPT-OUT
- ◆ Tell banks, magazines and charities that you don't want them to share your name and address with other businesses or charities.
- ◆ Ask your local phone company to not publish your address.



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