

Don't be a victim!

If you have already participated in any of the previous scenarios, chances are your name may be placed on a “**suckers list**”. This list will probably be sold to other companies who will try to convince you to send more money... **Don't!**



If you think you are a victim or have any questions please contact us at our toll free number below.

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SENIOR**BUSTERS**

The **SENIOR**BUSTERS**** program, established in 1997, is an extension of **PHONE**BUSTERS****. It became apparent that elderly victims were being repeatedly targeted by fraudulent telemarketing companies more so than the rest of the population.

SENIORBUSTERS**** is a group of volunteers, based at **PHONE**BUSTERS**** headquarters in North Bay, Ontario, who are making connections with reported elderly victims. The victims are put on a support program at which time the volunteers will make contact with the victim on a regular basis and provide them with the necessary tools to protect themselves against this crime.

***For further information please
contact 1-(888)-495-8501.***

PHONE**BUSTERS**

**A National Call Centre
Successfully Combatting
Telemarketing Fraud**



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Funding Partners

*ONTARIO PROVINCIAL POLICE (Task Force Co-ordinator)
*Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations (Ontario)
*Industry Canada, *Alberta Municipal Affairs, *Visa Canada
*Mastercard Canada, *Solicitor General Canada
*American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)

Associate Partners

*Royal Canadian Mounted Police, *Metropolitan Toronto Police
*Montreal Urban Community Police (MUC)
*Better Business Bureaus (CDN & USA)
*Canadian Couriers Association, *Canadian Bankers Association

Does This Sound Familiar?

It Came in the Mail...

If you respond to mail-in sweepstakes contests, your name may be sold to other companies who may approach you with the following scenarios:

Congratulations you are guaranteed to win a prize, but need to buy our products to get your prize.



Congratulations you are already the winner of something fabulous, but you have to send us money up front for shipping and handling.



Someone claiming to be a lawyer/customs-officer/police-officer has just told you that you are entitled to a large cash settlement, but you have to send money for taxes in advance.



A caller just told you that they will recover the amount of money that was already lost to another telemarketing company.

A scratch-and-win card has just arrived. You scratch the prize area and see that you have won one of the prizes mentioned, but you have to call a “900” number in order to claim your prize.



An official document has just arrived advising you that you have won some gifts but you will have to call a specific telephone number in order to claim your prize.



You have just seen an ad in a publication that tells you to call a number in order to obtain a loan. They have approved you for the loan but are requesting an up front fee (first and last months’ payment/application or insurance fees etc.) in order to process your request.



It is estimated that consumers lose approximately \$80,000,000 a year to fraudulent telemarketers!



Don't be a Victim!!



Remember...

If you have really won a prize it doesn't cost you a dime.



You do not have to send money, in advance, at a caller's request, to recover lost monies, receive an award, or cash settlement.



If you have won a prize you do not have to call any telephone number in order to claim your prize.



In certain jurisdictions it is illegal to request an up front fee in order to obtain a loan.