

Avoiding Those Unwanted Telephone Sales

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has amended the Telemarketing Sales Rule to give consumers a choice about whether they want to receive most telemarketing calls. The Federal Trade Commission had been stopped since Sept. 25 by a court challenge from adding numbers or taking action against telemarketers. The 10th Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver lifted that ban Tuesday, October 7th.

If you have not yet registered your phone number on the National "do-not-call" list to screen out telemarketers, you can do so starting today by visiting www.donotcall.gov or by calling (888) 382-1222.

Most telemarketers cannot call your telephone number if it is in the National Do Not Call Registry. You can register your home and mobile phone numbers for free. If you register today, it will be effective three months from now. Your registration will be effective for [five years](#).