

How to Block Phone Number and Avoid Unwanted Calls

There are different ways to handle unwanted calls and block a phone number. All methods won't work for all, so you would need to carefully choose an option which will work for you.

“Do not call” Registry

This option is best suited if you are trying to block a telemarketer. If you are in US, you can register with the [National Do not call registry](#) or call 1-888-382-1222 from the number you wish to block to keep the telemarketers at bay. It is illegal for telemarketers to call you after you have been added to this list. If you are in India, there is a similar [National Do not call registry](#) where you can register your phone number.

Carrier Help

Taking the help of your carrier is the most appropriate option to block any phone number.

- **AT&T** : If you are a customer of AT&T wireless, you can make use of a premium service called “[Parental Controls](#)” which will allow you to limit who can call you or text you by blocking or allowing certain numbers. It costs just \$4.99 per month.
- **Verizon** : Go to [VerizonWireless](#) and log into your account. And then go to “My Services” and choose the SPAM control. Here you can add up to 5 phone numbers that you do not want to contact you or even text you.
- **Sprint & T-Mobile** : Currently, Sprint and T-Mobile doesn't provide an easy way to **block unwanted callers**, though there is a work-around for Sprint users. You can block all numbers which are not in your phone contacts. For this, go to Settings → Security → Others [password will be last 4 digits of your phone number] → Call settings. Here you will find that option.

Handset Specific Options

Off late, the handset manufacturers have started providing features to help you **block phone** numbers. Look out for in-built or downloadable option to limit incoming calls.

- **Nokia**: The Nokia Symbian phone users can download apps like *Blacklist* which can block specific phone numbers from making a call.
- **Samsung**: If you have a Samsung phone, you have the ability to send an incoming call directly to voicemail, without it even ringing on your device. Look for the “**block list**” feature on your device
- **Sony-Ericsson**: SE mobile phones have built-in blocking functions, simply go to Settings > Calls > Manage Calls > Accept Calls > Only from list, press ‘Edit’ to choose the numbers.
- **T-mobile G1** : Similar to Samsung phones, G1 also uses a feature available in the contact list to block specific numbers.

- **Blackberry** : If you have a Blackberry, you can use a program called **Efficient Call Blocker** from BerryWAV. This program will block numbers that you specify and let you make the other party hear messages like your number is disconnected or no longer in service. Another such app is **CallsBlocker**.
- **iPhone** : Not a straight-forward option available for iPhones if you are not using iOS 7. Check the Update below if you are on iOS 7. In case you have a jailbroken iPhone, there are couple of neat apps which will help you – **MCleaner** & **iBlacklist**.

Update: If you are on iOS 7, you can block anyone with a click on your iPhone. This will block the person from calling, texting and FaceTiming you. To do that, go into your contacts, select someone, and scroll down to hit “Block.”

