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Besides being the local Telephone and Internet Provider for Kennebec, Prescho, and rural surrounding areas, Kennebec Telephone also has five additional business divisions. This may not come as a surprise to most of our customers, but for those who may be new to our area or even outside our service area, here is a quick overview of our divisions, and what they do!

Kennebec Telephone & Kennebec Telephone Internet Serving Kennebec, Prescho, and surrounding rural areas, we provide Dial Tone, and Custom Calling Features including Voice Mail and free Conference Calling. Along with voice services, our ever-expanding Fiber network can bring "Blazing Fast Broadband Service" (Up to a Gig and Beyond!), to your home, farm and business. We also offer Managed WIFI, Spam & Virus Protection, and Web Hosting.

Technology & Communications Specialist (TCS) TCS installs security systems, video monitoring systems, home and business networking, and installs smart home devices, for residential, business, and rural applications throughout south-central South Dakota. Key systems and PBX phone systems are also available through TCS. Need a new computer, or repair on your current computer, call TCS!

KTC Construction Serving all of South Dakota, KTC Construction installs and repairs water lines, sewer lines, and hydrants. Need a job done? KTC

Construction will get it done! Including: excavation, directional boring, sewer jetting, gravel hauling, demolition work, and installing and servicing sprinkler systems. We also sell and Install livestock waterers, including rubber tire tanks, Ritchie, Cobett, and Geo-thermal Waterers.

Powercom Electric & Communications – With electricians in Kennebec and Chamberlain, Powercom serves all of Central South Dakota. With residential, commercial, and agricultural customers, Powercom installs both overhead and underground electric lines. They also install network wiring. Call 605-869-2150 or 605-234-0528.

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July 4th!

All Divisions of
Kennebec Telephone Co., Inc
will be closed on Thursday, July 4th
for Independence Day.



In case of emergency, please call our after hours number: 869-2424

Lifeline



Overcoming the digital divide & opening doors to opportunity

Lifeline Telephone Assistance Programs are available for qualifying subscribers. These programs provide a monthly service discount on telephone and qualifying broadband services. Toll blocking at no charge and reduced deposits are also available with the Lifeline Program.

To Qualify for Lifeline, subscribers must either have a household income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, or the subscriber, one or more of the subscriber's dependents, or the subscriber's household must receive benefits from one of the following assistance programs:

- *Medicaid
- *Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- *Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- *Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- *Veteran's Pension and Survivor Benefit

A subscriber living on Tribal lands and is eligible for Tribal Linkup and Tribal Lifeline. They may also qualify for Lifeline by participation in any of the above-listed qualifying assistance programs or one of the following Tribal-specific federal assistance programs:

- *BIA General Assistance
- *Tribally Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- *Head Start (if income eligibility criteria are met)
- *Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)

Tribal subscribers may also qualify if the household income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

KTCI's voice and bundled broadband services are Lifeline-supported services. Only eligible consumers may enroll in the Lifeline Program. Lifeline applicants must present documentation demonstrating eligibility either through participation in one of the qualifying federal assistance programs or through income-based means. Lifeline recipients are required to recertify their eligibility every year.

The Lifeline program is limited to one benefit per household. A household is defined for the purposes of the Lifeline program, as an individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Lifeline is a government benefit program, and consumers who willfully, make false statements in order to obtain the benefit can be punished by fine, imprisonment or can be barred from the program.

The services described above are offered to all customers in KTCI's service area. If you have any questions regarding our service, please call our office at 869-2220. You are also welcome to visit our business office at 220 S Main Street in Kennebec, SD.

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4 Ways to Freeze Out Robocalls

Tips, services and apps to slow down annoying, unwanted calls

by Marc Saltzman, AARP



GETTY IMAGES

Just hang up

“Don’t engage,” the FTC’s Barlow says. “The best thing you can do is simply hang up on any unwanted call.”

Ironically, many recipients of robocalls (and other unsolicited sales calls) think they’re wasting the caller’s time by keeping them on the line for a while. But in fact, when the call records are reviewed it looks like you were interested — a close sale, if you will — and so you might graduate to another list to be called again.

Keeping the line open also confirms they’ve called a good, working number. “The more you engage, the more you’re likely to get calls,” confirms Barlow.

If your device says “Unknown Caller” or you don’t recognize the call, don’t even pick up.

Use call-blocking services

Often provided by your telephone company for mobile phones (and sometimes landlines), various services attempt to reduce the frequency of robocalls.

- Verizon, AT&T, T-Mobile and Sprint each offers opt-in solutions: Verizon Call Filter (for iPhone and Android) labels suspected robocalls before you answer. The service is free, and for \$3 per month you can get caller ID, too.

- AT&T Call Protect is free to block suspected fraudsters, and there’s an optional second tier to the service that lets you block legitimate telemarketers and political calls (for \$4 per month).

- T-Mobile’s Scam ID and Scam Block services can be

enabled, and it doesn’t require an app like the Sprint and AT&T solutions. For \$4 per month, you’ll have additional options, as well as caller ID.

- Similarly, Sprint offers Premium Caller ID (\$3 per month), which displays the caller’s name if he or she is not already in your contacts, and blocks suspected robocallers, fraudulent calls and potential spammers. All four solutions can also cross-check your contacts to make sure the technology doesn’t block someone you want to get through (often called a “false positive”).

There are also smartphone apps, such as the easy-to-use Nomorobo (which works with landlines, too), RoboKiller, Trucaller, TNS and the popular and free YouMail.

Register for “Do Not Call”

Barlow says signing up to the FTC’s Do Not Call list won’t stop scammers who do not honor and abide by this list, but it will stop legitimate companies from getting through — plus doing so gives valuable information to the FTC for its records, such as the time of call, business name, phone numbers and more.

Be skeptical

Know that legitimate businesses will never ask you to pay them by buying gift cards — such as those from Amazon, iTunes or Google Play — and reading the scratched-off code on the back. That’s a scam. According to the FTC’s Data Spotlight, this type of scam is up 270 percent from 2015 to 2018. The Internal Revenue Service and Department of Homeland Security will not be using robocalls to reach you — asking you to urgently confirm personal information — nor will you be called in this fashion by your bank, internet service provider (ISP) or credit card company. When in doubt, phone your bank or other firm to confirm it wasn’t calling you.

AARP’s Fraud Watch Network can help you spot and avoid scams. Sign up for free “watchdog alerts,” review our scam-tracking map, or call our toll-free fraud helpline at 877-908-3360 if you or a loved one suspect you’ve been a victim.

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Our mission is to provide the highest quality telecommunications and information service to our customers at an affordable price.

We will strive to offer prompt, friendly, and dependable service along with the latest technology to attain the highest possible customer satisfaction.

If you would like more information or have questions about anything in this newsletter, feel free to contact us at 605-869-2220.

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