

QUICK REMINDERS

Always record the time and date of each call.

Do not engage the caller in conversation.

File a report immediately with Police Services to prosecute and/or get a number changed.

Save E-mails and text messages.



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Harassing, Obscene, or Threatening Communication



**Setting the Standard
for Service**

Emergency Tel: 901-678-4357

How to Report Phone Harassment

When you receive a harassing or disturbing phone call, note the date and time of the call. If the calls continue or are of a threatening nature, contact Police Services to file a report.



Monitor the frequency of the calls. If you are receiving multiple calls, note how many or create a log sheet to record times and/or dates. If the calls continue and are causing serious interruption in your daily life, you can request a phone number change from Telecommunications Services with our assistance.



HARASSMENT

Tennessee Code 39-17-308 makes it unlawful to threaten, or take action meant to knowingly annoy or alarm the recipient, including phone calls made anonymously, at hours known to be inconvenient, or in a repetitious manner.

STALKING & THREATS

If the phone calls are being made intentionally to harass a person or in a manner which would cause a reasonable fear of being assaulted, suffering bodily injury, or death, then the person calling is committing an assault or stalking crime as defined under Tennessee Code 39-13-101 or 39-17-315.

This is most often associated with the end of a relationship. ***All threats of violence and/or stalking should be reported immediately.***

E-MAIL, TEXT, & WEB

All forms of electronic communication are covered by the same laws. If you receive a harassing or threatening e-mail or text,

save the message. Communication through social websites (MySpace, Facebook, et al.) are also covered. Again, any threatening message should be saved by printing a hard copy of the communication and/or saving a digital copy.



We Can Help

Police Services investigates all complaints. We can assist in seeking prosecution, obtaining protection orders, and referring you to other services as necessary.

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