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By Maya Walker i Dougal Waters/Digital Vision/Getty Images Call blocking gives you the option of blocking calls from unwanted callers. Depending on your phone service provider, you can block up to 12 telephone numbers. You can even block the last caller even if you do not know the number. You can deactivate the feature at any time by using a special code. While the feature is deactivated, callers from previously blocked numbers will be able to call you. After removing call blocking using the code, you can reactivate it when you desire. Pick up your landline phone and listen for a dial tone. Press *80 on your phone's handset. If you are dialing from a rotary phone, dial 1180 instead. Listen for confirmation and hang up the phone. 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Helpful? Thanks for your feedback. Are you tired of getting spam calls on your iPhone? You're not alone. The good news is, there's a way to turn them off. With just a few simple steps, you can reduce the number of unwanted calls you receive, giving you peace of mind and a quieter phone. Before we dive into the steps, let's talk about what we're going to do. We're going to use a feature on your iPhone that can silence unknown callers. By the end of these steps, only calls from numbers in your contacts, recent outgoing calls, and Siri Suggestions will ring your phone. First things first, let's open up the Settings app. It's the one with the gear icon. Once you're in the Settings app, you'll see a whole bunch of different options. Don't worry, we're going to go straight to the one we need. Scroll down until you find 'Phone' and give it a tap. In this section, you'll find a variety of options related to your phone calls. But we're looking for one in particular. Look for the option that says 'Silence Unknown Callers' and tap on it. This is the feature that's going to help us get rid of those pesky spam calls. You'll see a switch next to 'Silence Unknown Callers'. Flip that switch to the on position. It should turn green, which means it's active! After completing these steps, any call from a number that's not in your contacts, hasn't called you recently, or isn't recognized by Siri will go straight to voicemail. Your phone won't ring, but you'll still see the call in your recent calls list, and you'll still get a voicemail if they leave one. It's a great way to cut down on interruptions from spam calls. Make sure to regularly update your contacts so that you don't miss important calls. Even with this feature turned on, some spam calls might still get through. Hang up on these calls without engaging. If you're expecting an important call from an unknown number, you can temporarily turn the feature off. Consider adding your number to the National Do Not Call Registry to reduce telemarketing calls. Some third-party apps can also help identify and block spam calls. Yes, you will still receive voicemails from numbers that are silenced by this feature. This means you won't miss out on potentially important calls, as you can still listen to the voicemails left by unknown numbers. If you're expecting a call from a new doctor's office, a job interview, or any other important call from a number not saved in your contacts, you can temporarily turn off the 'Silence Unknown Callers' feature. It's easy to switch on and off as needed. Absolutely! Any calls that are silenced will still appear in your recent calls list. This way, you can still see who called and call back if it turns out to be a legitimate call. No, the 'Silence Unknown Callers' feature only silences calls, not text messages. You'll still receive texts from unknown numbers as usual. If a spam call slips through, don't interact with it. Hang up immediately and consider blocking the number manually. Engaging with spam callers can lead to more unwanted calls. Open the Settings app on your iPhone. Scroll down and select 'Phone'. Tap on 'Silence Unknown Callers'. Toggle the switch to the on position. Now that you know how to turn off spam calls on your iPhone, you can enjoy a more peaceful, interruption-free day. It's a simple yet effective way to take control of your phone and your time. Remember, while this feature can significantly reduce the number of spam calls you receive, no system is perfect. Stay vigilant and don't engage with any spam calls that might slip through the cracks. If you find this feature helpful, be sure to share the knowledge with your friends and family—after all, we could all use a little less spam in our lives. Matthew Burleigh has been writing tech tutorials since 2008. His writing has appeared on dozens of different websites and been read over 50 million times. After receiving his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Computer Science he spent several years working in IT management for small businesses. However, he now works full time writing content online and creating websites. His main writing topics include iPhones, Microsoft Office, Google Apps, Android, and Photoshop, but he has also written about many other tech topics as well. Read his full bio here. Are you tired of missing important calls because of accidental call blocking on your iPhone? Do you struggle to find the right settings to turn off call blocking and unblock numbers? You're not alone! In this article, we'll take you through a step-by-step process to disable call blocking on your iPhone and help you reconnect with the world. Understanding Call Blocking on iPhone Before we dive into the process of turning off call blocking, let's quickly understand how it works on your iPhone. Call blocking, also known as call silencing, is a feature that allows you to block unwanted calls from specific numbers or contacts. This feature is designed to help you avoid spam calls, telemarketers, and other nuisance callers. When you block a number on your iPhone, the caller will not be able to reach you, and you won't receive any notifications or missed call alerts. However, there may be instances where you need to unblock a number, and that's where things can get a bit tricky. The Consequences of Call Blocking Before you learn how to turn off call blocking, it's essential to understand the consequences of blocking calls on your iPhone. When you block a number, you may miss important calls from: Family members or friends who accidentally dialed your number Business associates or clients who need to reach you urgently Healthcare providers or emergency services Financial institutions or banks with important updates By turning off call blocking, you can ensure that you don't miss critical calls and stay connected with the people who matter. Method 1: Turning Off Call Blocking from the Settings App The easiest way to turn off call blocking on your iPhone is through the Settings app. Follow these steps: Step 1: Open the Settings App Find the Settings app on your iPhone and tap on it to open. Step 2: Scroll Down to the "Phone" Option In the Settings app, scroll down until you find the "Phone" option. Tap on it to open the Phone settings. Step 3: Find the "Call Blocking & Identification" Option In the Phone settings, look for the "Call Blocking & Identification" option. Tap on it to open. Step 4: Tap on "Blocked Contacts" In the "Call Blocking & Identification" screen, you'll see a list of blocked contacts. Tap on "Blocked Contacts" to view the list. Step 5: Swipe Left on the Number You Want to Unblock Find the number you want to unblock, swipe left on it, and tap "Unblock." This will remove the number from your blocked list. Method 2: Turning Off Call Blocking from the Phone App If you prefer, you can also turn off call blocking directly from the Phone app. Here's how: Step 1: Open the Phone App Find the Phone app on your iPhone and tap on it to open. Step 2: Tap on the "Recents" Tab In the Phone app, tap on the "Recents" tab at the bottom of the screen. Step 3: Find the Number You Want to Unblock In the "Recents" list, find the number you want to unblock. Tap on the "i" icon next to the number to open the contact card. Step 4: Tap on "Unblock This Caller" In the contact card, tap on "Unblock This Caller" to remove the number from your blocked list. Troubleshooting Common Issues If you're having trouble turning off call blocking on your iPhone, here are some common issues and solutions: Issue 1: My iPhone Still Blocks Calls After Turning Off Call Blocking If your iPhone is still blocking calls after turning off call blocking, check if you have any third-party call blocking apps installed. These apps may override your iPhone's built-in call blocking feature. Try uninstalling or disabling these apps to resolve the issue. Issue 2: I Accidentally Blocked a Number - How Do I Unblock It? If you accidentally blocked a number, follow the steps mentioned above to unblock it. If you're still having trouble, try restarting your iPhone or checking for software updates. Additional Tips and Tricks Here are some additional tips and tricks to help you manage call blocking on your iPhone: Tip 1: Use the "Do Not Disturb" Feature Instead of Call Blocking If you don't want to block calls entirely, consider using the "Do Not Disturb" feature. This feature silences calls and notifications during a set period, allowing you to focus on your work or personal activities. Tip 2: Block Numbers Using Siri You can also block numbers using Siri. Simply say "Hey Siri, block [number]" and Siri will add the number to your blocked list. Tip 3: Use Call Blocking Apps for Advanced Features If you need more advanced call blocking features, consider using third-party apps like Truecaller or Hiya. These apps offer additional features like spam call detection, call recording, and more. By following these steps and tips, you can easily turn off call blocking on your iPhone and ensure that you don't miss important calls. Remember to use call blocking responsibly and only block numbers that are genuinely unwanted. Happy calling! How do I know if call blocking is enabled on my iPhone? To determine if call blocking is enabled on your iPhone, go to Settings > Phone > Call Blocking & Identification. If you see a list of blocked numbers or apps, it means that call blocking is active on your device. Additionally, if you're receiving a message that a call has been blocked, it's likely that call blocking is enabled. You can also check your iPhone's Recents list to see if there are any calls listed as "Blocked" or "Restricted." If you notice that certain numbers are being consistently blocked, it may be due to call blocking being enabled. Keep in mind that iPhone has a feature called "Silence Unknown Callers," which silences calls from unknown numbers. This feature might also contribute to blocked calls. What are the consequences of not turning off call blocking on my iPhone? If you don't turn off call blocking on your iPhone, you may miss important calls from unknown numbers. This could lead to missed opportunities, delayed responses, or even emergencies going unattended. In some cases, you might not even be aware that someone is trying to reach you, which can be problematic in both personal and professional settings. Moreover, call blocking can also affect your relationships and daily interactions. For instance, if you're waiting for a call from a doctor's office, a delivery service, or a business contact, and you have call blocking enabled, you might not receive the call, leading to frustration and inconvenience. By turning off call blocking, you can ensure that you receive all calls and stay connected with the people who matter. Can I whitelist specific numbers or contacts on my iPhone? Yes, you can whitelist specific numbers or contacts on your iPhone. To do this, go to Settings > Phone > Call Blocking & Identification, and add the numbers or contacts you want to whitelist to the "Allow Calls From" section. This will allow calls from these numbers or contacts to reach you even if call blocking is enabled. Additionally, you can also use third-party call-blocking apps that offer more advanced features, such as custom whitelisting and blacklisting. These apps can provide more granular control over call blocking and can be particularly useful if you're dealing with a high volume of unwanted calls. Will turning off call blocking on my iPhone make me vulnerable to scams and spam calls? Turning off call blocking on your iPhone may increase the likelihood of receiving spam or scam calls. However, this doesn't mean you're completely vulnerable to these types of calls. You can still use other iPhone features, such as the "Silence Unknown Callers" feature, to reduce the number of unwanted calls you receive. Moreover, you can also report spam calls to your carrier or the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). This can help reduce the number of spam calls overall. Additionally, you can be more mindful of the calls you receive and be cautious when interacting with unknown numbers. By being aware of these potential risks, you can take steps to minimize your exposure to scam and spam calls. Can I turn off call blocking for a specific period on my iPhone? Unfortunately, iPhone does not offer a built-in feature to turn off call blocking for a specific period. However, you can manually turn off call blocking when needed and then re-enable it later. This can be useful if you're expecting an important call from an unknown number or if you need to temporarily allow calls from a specific contact. To turn off call blocking temporarily, go to Settings > Phone > Call Blocking & Identification, and toggle off "Block Calls From". Remember to re-enable call blocking once you've received the call or finished the interaction with the contact. Are there any alternative call-blocking solutions available for iPhone? Yes, there are alternative call-blocking solutions available for iPhone. You can use third-party call-blocking apps, such as Nomorobo, Truecaller, or Hiya, which offer more advanced features and customization options. These apps can block spam calls, identify unknown numbers, and even provide caller ID information. Some carriers also offer built-in call-blocking solutions or services that can be added to your iPhone. For example, AT&T offers a feature called "Call Protect," which can block spam calls and provide caller ID information. It's essential to research and evaluate these alternative solutions to find the one that best fits your needs. Will turning off call blocking on my iPhone affect my phone's performance? Turning off call blocking on your iPhone should not significantly affect your phone's performance. Call blocking is a feature that runs in the background and doesn't consume significant system resources. However, if you're using a third-party call-blocking app, it might use more resources and potentially affect your phone's performance. In general, iPhone is designed to handle multiple features and apps running simultaneously without compromising performance. Therefore, turning off call blocking should not have a noticeable impact on your iPhone's overall performance. Got more control over who can call you and who can see your caller ID details.Want to trace a call or block specific numbers? You can do that and more with the following star codes. Just enter the code on your phone's keypad, exactly as you would when making a regular phone call. Star codes for traditional (landline) phones To turn on, enter this star codeTo turn off, enter this star codeCall blocking *60To block a number: Press #, dial the 10-digit number you want to add, and press # to confirm.To unblock a number: Press *, dial the 10-digit number you wish to remove, and press * to confirm. *80Caller ID blockingEnter *67 and then the number you want to block from seeing your caller ID info.*82 and then the number you blocked from seeing your caller ID infoCall trace Enter *57 after the call ends N/Anonymous call rejection(not available in IL, IN, MI, OH, or WI) *77 *87 Other ways to stop nuisance calls: Last updated: April 9, 2025 To remove call block from your landline, navigate to the call-blocking settings on your device or contact your service provider. Access the relevant menu and disable the call block feature. Ensure your device is properly connected and follow any specific instructions in your device manual. It may also be necessary to consult your service provider for detailed guidance, especially if you utilize external devices for call blocking. Troubleshoot common issues by verifying connections and restarting your device. Understanding these steps ensures seamless communication; discover additional tips to optimize your call management system. Landline call blocking begins with recognizing its fundamental purpose: to prevent unwanted or nuisance calls from reaching your telephone. This feature is essential for maintaining privacy and reducing disruptions caused by telemarketers and robocalls. You can activate call-blocking features on most landline phones by manually inputting numbers to block or using services provided by your telephone provider. Learn more about blocking numbers on home phone by consulting your provider's support resources. Typically, telephone providers offer a range of call-blocking features, which can be accessed via customer service or through the phone's advanced settings. Some landline phones come with built-in call-blocking capabilities, enabling users to block specific numbers directly from their device. For more extensive control, contacting your telephone provider's customer service can unlock additional features, such as blocking anonymous calls or entire area codes. You can often adjust advanced settings to control which calls are blocked through your phone's menu or your provider's online account. It's crucial to understand these options for effective call management and to avoid blocking important calls by mistake. By using these features, you can create a tailored solution that fits your needs best. Recognizing the mechanisms behind landline call blocking sets the stage for appreciating its significance. Call-blocking services play a crucial role in maintaining the quality and security of landline communications. One of the primary benefits is the reduction of unwanted calls, including those from telemarketers and scammers. Such calls can be disruptive and, in some cases, harmful, leading to potential scams or undue stress. By using the blocking feature offered by phone providers, users can ensure a more secure and serene environment for their communications. This feature allows individuals to manage their call flow effectively, granting them control over who can reach them. As a result, it fosters a sense of security and reliability in landline services. Moreover, the importance of call-blocking extends to businesses as well. It ensures that time is not wasted on non-essential or potentially malicious calls, allowing for more efficient operations. Phone providers have recognized this need and have integrated robust call-blocking services into their offerings. Consequently, these measures not only protect individual users but also enhance the overall integrity of landline communications. One of the crucial steps in managing your landline communications effectively is identifying blocked numbers. Understanding which numbers are blocked on your line allows for improved call management and ensures that important calls are not inadvertently missed. Knowing how to identify these blocked numbers is key to unblock landline phone calls that you want to receive. The first step involves accessing your landline service provider's call-blocking settings. Most providers offer detailed call management tools via their online portals or customer service departments. By logging into your account, you can typically find a list of blocked numbers, which will help you identify which callers are being prevented from reaching you. Additionally, many landline services include features like anonymous call rejection. This feature blocks calls from numbers that do not have caller ID information, ensuring that only identifiable calls come through. Reviewing your call-blocking settings for options like this can help you better understand which types of calls are being filtered out. If you are unsure about how to navigate these settings, your landline service provider can offer guidance. They can provide step-by-step instructions or even assist you directly in identifying and managing blocked numbers. Effective call management is essential for maintaining open lines of communication while still keeping unwanted calls at bay. After identifying which numbers are blocked on your landline, the next step is to deactivate the call block feature if needed. Begin by accessing your landline device's telephone settings. Most modern landline devices come with a built-in menu where you can manage call-blocking features. Navigate through the menu to find the call-blocking device settings, and select the option to deactivate call block. If your landline does not have built-in call-blocking capabilities, you may be using an external call-blocking device. In this case, consult the device's manual for specific instructions on how to deactivate call block. Typically, you will need to press a sequence of buttons or access a settings menu on the external device to remove the block. Alternatively, you can seek operator assistance. Contact your landline service provider's customer support and request them to deactivate call block on your line. Provide any necessary account details and follow their instructions. Encountering issues while attempting to remove the call block feature from your landline can be frustrating. Understanding the root cause of these problems can simplify the process. First, ensure that your traditional landline is correctly connected and functional. Disruptions in service or line issues can often interfere with call-blocking and labeling services. Next, verify that you are following the correct procedure for your specific landline provider, as steps can vary. Reference your provider's website or customer support for accurate instructions on basic unblocking features. If the call block remains active despite following the correct steps, consider restarting your landline device. Sometimes, a simple reboot can resolve minor technical glitches. Another common issue might be related to consumer options that you may have activated unknowingly. For instance, enhanced call-blocking and labeling services, such as those for robocalls, might require a different deactivation procedure. Check your service plan for any additional features that could be affecting the unblocking process. If problems persist, contacting customer support is advisable. They can offer specific troubleshooting steps tailored to your situation, ensuring that you successfully remove the call block feature from your landline. Maintaining Your Landline After Removal Ensuring your landline remains in optimal condition following the removal of the call block feature is important for maintaining seamless communication. After removing call block, it is crucial to monitor the quality of your incoming calls. Regularly check for any unusual disruptions or changes in call clarity, as these may indicate technical issues that need immediate attention. Effective call management can help you filter and organize incoming calls. Many phone companies offer advanced call management features, such as caller ID, call forwarding, and voicemail, which can enhance the functionality of your landline. Utilize these features to manage your calls efficiently and ensure that important communications are not missed. Additionally, maintaining a clear and updated contact list is essential. This minimizes the likelihood of mistakenly blocking important numbers in the future. If any issues arise, contact your phone company promptly for support and troubleshooting. They can provide guidance on maintaining your landline's performance and address any concerns related to call block removal. The removal of call blocks from a landline involves understanding call blocking functionalities, recognizing the significance of such features, and identifying the blocked numbers. The process to deactivate call blocks requires specific steps, often guided by the service provider's instructions. Addressing common issues that may arise during deactivation ensures a smooth transition. Post-removal maintenance of the landline is essential for optimal performance and continued call management. Proper adherence to these guidelines ensures effective and efficient landline usage. If you don't want to get calls from a certain phone number, you can block it. When the number tries to call you, your phone declines the call automatically. Block a number Open your Phone app . Tap More . Tap Settings Blocked numbers. Next to the number you want to unblock, tap Clear . Unblock. Tip: Any calls you got from the number while it was blocked won't show in your call history. Post to the help community Get answers from community members If you don't want to get calls from a certain phone number, you can block it. When the number tries to call you, your phone declines the call automatically. Block a number Open your Phone app . Tap More . Tap Settings Blocked numbers. Turn on Unknown. This will block calls from private or unidentified numbers. You will still receive calls from phone numbers that are not stored in your contacts. Unblock a number Open your Phone app . Tap More . Tap Settings Blocked numbers. Next to the number you want to unblock, tap Clear . Unblock. 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