

## Protect Yourself

Most people think they will never fall for a swindle. But remember, P.T. Barnum, the notorious flimflam man, was swindled out of considerable fortunes, twice.

Protect yourself against fraud!

## STAY INFORMED

Be alert when you hear

- “No risk”
- “Guaranteed winner”
- “Cash only, no checks”
- “Big money guaranteed”
- “Last Chance!”
- “Return is guaranteed”
- “Send money for a prize you’ve won”
- “No time to send information in writing”
- “Give us your personal information” like social security number or credit card number
- “You could go to jail if ...”
- “This is the (FBI, Local Police, or Court) calling...”

Remember...

# JUST HANG UP!

Report these calls to :

National Fraud Information Center  
1-800-876-7060

**TRIAD** says....

*Just  
Hang Up!*

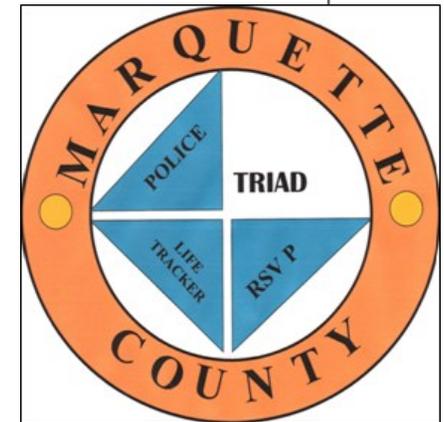


## TRIAD

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**TRIAD  
of  
Marquette County**

*Seniors and Law Enforcement  
Working Together*

## Just Hang Up!

Like most of us, you probably get your share of telemarketer calls. Triad of Marquette County has this message for you: if the call does not seem right ... **Just Hang Up!**

Regulations are in place to limit fraud and the intrusiveness of telemarketing activities.

- It is illegal for a telemarketer to call you if you have asked not to be called. So... **Just Hang Up!**
- Calling times are restricted to the hours between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. Any other time...  
**Just Hang Up!** 
- Telemarketers must tell you it's a sales call, the name of the seller and what they are selling before they make their pitch. If it's a prize promotion they must tell you that no purchase or payment is necessary to enter or win. If they do not... **Just Hang Up!**

**Remember**, if it sounds too good to be true... it probably is!  
**Just Hang Up!**

## How to Stop Sales Calls

**ASK** the telemarketer to add your phone number to their "Do Not Call" list. The law requires them to honor your request.

**CONTACT** the Data Marketing Association and remove your name from telemarketing and mail lists of major companies (you'll still hear from them if you are a current customer).

**REMOVE** your name from mail, email, and telemarketing lists.

Complete the online form at [https://dmachoice.thedma.org/prefill\\_mailin\\_registration.php](https://dmachoice.thedma.org/prefill_mailin_registration.php) and return with processing fee.

DMACHoice DMA  
PO Box 900  
Cos Cob, CT 06807

OR

Complete online application at <https://dmachoice.thedma.org/register.php> and submit with processing fee.

**REGISTER** your phone number with the national "DO NOT CALL" list:  
[www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov)  
1-888-382-1222

## Don't Get Hooked... Hang Up the Phone!

- Always have all the information about a product and company in writing before you agree to purchase an item.
- Do not invest your money without checking to see if the company is registered with the state securities regulator.
- Be aware that telemarketers may have bits and pieces of your personal information and may lead you to believe they have all your information.
- **DO NOT** confirm any account information over the phone or internet.
- Always confirm a charity is registered before donating. Request written information regarding the operation of the charity. Do not provide payment over the phone.
- Do not be afraid to hang up on telemarketers or scammers. Their feelings will not be hurt; they will simply move on to their next victim.