

# Robocalls - An Inconvenience and a Danger!

The latest scourge of modern life, the Robocall. However, these are not just unwanted sales calls, many are now flagrant attempts to perpetrate a fraud. Let's take a look.....



An estimated 48 billion robocalls were made in 2019. This staggering number is up 57% from 2018



In 2018 The Federal Trade Commission received more than 139,000 calls from people who were victims of bogus calls from bogus Social Security Administration officials with losses at nearly \$30 million.



One victim of fraud lost nearly \$340,000 to someone impersonating an FBI Agent saying he was looking to "protect" her financial assets as certain of her accounts looked to have been hacked.



In the first 8 months of 2018, consumers reported Robocall fraud losses of \$285 million with a median loss of \$700. That median loss is up 40% from 2017 !

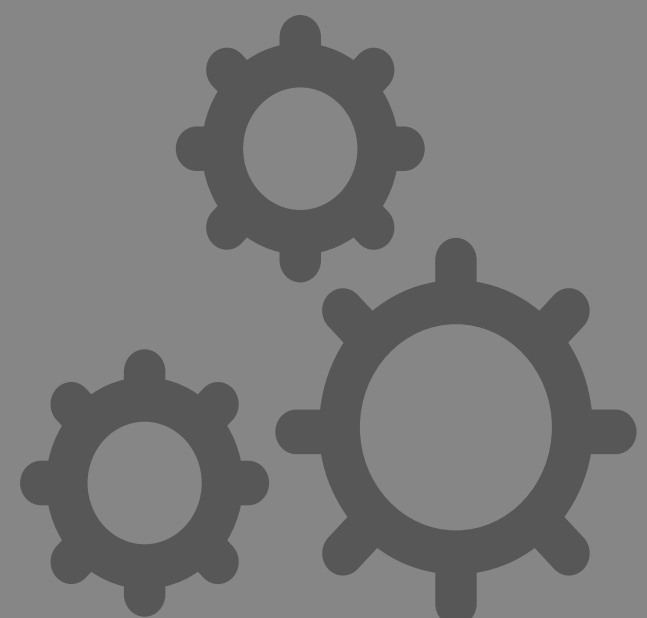
## Some Things to Remember.....



The IRS will NEVER call you ! They do NOT make calls to taxpayers. If you get an unsolicited call from the IRS it's a scam.



The Social Security Administration do make calls BUT they will never ask for or take personal information over the phone, tell you your account has been suspended or threaten you with penalties. If your caller tries any of these, it's a scam



**When in doubt, HANG UP! Do NOT engage in conversation or divulge any personal information. It's better to be safe than sorry!**

For more information, visit these websites:

<https://donotcall.gov>

<https://oig.ssa.gov>

<https://www.fbi.gov/tips>

