

## Suspicious Area Codes

Listed below are some area codes for the Caribbean, including 809 area code. If you don't know anyone with these area codes – **DON'T CALL BACK!**

Anguilla – 264  
Antigua – 268  
Barbuda – 268  
Bahamas – 242  
Bermuda – 441  
British Virgin Islands – 284  
Caicos Islands – 649  
Cayman Islands – 345  
Dominican Republic – 809  
Grenada – 473  
Guam – 671  
Montserrat – 876  
Nevis – 869  
N. Mariana Islands – 670  
Puerto Rico – 787  
St. Kitts – 869  
St. Lucia – 758  
St. Vincent – 784  
Trinidad – 868  
Tobago – 868  
Turks Island – 649

**Calling these area codes will result in higher international charges.**



*These calls are not subject to South Dakota or United States rules and regulations since they are international locations.*



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## Email/Pager and Mystery Shopper Scams



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## ***Pager Scam***



Y o u  
get a page  
and you  
notice a  
number with  
an unfamiliar  
area code....

must be important. So you return the call only to find it's a recording. In reality, you have just been SCAMMED! The call probably went to one of several new area codes in the Caribbean, billed at an international rate, and the longer you stay on the line – the more it costs. Usually what you'll hear is a lengthy recording, and the charges begin as soon as the connection is made. The page may be generated by a computer dialer, and the cost goes to the return caller – you!

## ***E-mail Scam***

Companies have been sending unsolicited and elegantly worded email messages threatening legal action unless the recipient pays an unspecified overdue account. The message then gives a name and number to call for further information. Callers are then lead to believe they are talking to a live person, but in fact, it is a clever recording that responds to the caller's voice. The call is designed to keep you on the line as long as possible.



## ***Other Tricks***

- ◆ Ads for mystery shoppers, mystery movie goers, or employment ads may list an area code such as 869 or 868. These may look like toll free numbers, but they are actually international area codes which go to Caribbean countries.
- ◆ Sometimes an urgent message is left indicating that an unnamed family member may be in distress and you are directed to call an unfamiliar number. Be very wary of such messages. Emergency authorities will contact you if your family is in danger.

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