

809 AREA CODE-----

Important

We actually received a call last week from the **809** area code.. The woman said 'Hey, this is Karen. Sorry I missed you--get back to us quickly... I have something important to tell you.' Then she repeated a phone number beginning with **809** We didn't respond.

Then this week, we received the following e-mail:

**Do Not DIAL AREA
CODE 809, 284, AND 876**

**THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT
INFORMATION PROVIDED TO
US BY AT&T.**

**DON'T
EVER DIAL AREA CODE 809**

This one is being distributed all over the US. This is pretty scary, especially given the way they try to get you to call.

**Be sure you read this and pass it
on..**

**They get you to call by telling you
that it is information about a
family member who has been ill or
to tell you someone has been
arrested, died, or to let you know
you have won a wonderful prize,
etc.**

In each case, you are told to call
the **809** number
right away... Since there are so many
new area
codes these days, people
unknowingly return
these calls.

If you call from the US, you will
apparently be charged **\$2425 per-
minute..**

**Or,
you'll get a long recorded message.
The point
is, they will try to keep you on the
phone as
long as possible to increase the
charges.**

WHY IT WORKS:

The 809 area code is located in the Dominican Republic.

The charges afterward can become a real nightmare. That's because you did actually make the call. If you complain, both your local phone company and your long distance carrier will not want to get involved and will most likely tell you that they are simply providing the billing for the foreign company. You'll end up dealing with a foreign company that argues they have done nothing wrong.

Please forward this entire message to your friends, family and colleagues to help them become aware of this scam.

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<http://www.att.com/gen/press-room?pid=6045>

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<http://www.snopescom/fraud/telephone/809.asp>