



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL
November 9, 1998

COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
MAYOR DUEHAY
VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: An alarming new e-mail warning regarding a telephone scam is circulating; and

WHEREAS: The message states that a person calls who claims to be an A T & T Service Technician conducting a test and requests that the callee touch 9, 0, and #. Supposedly this technique allows the phony technician full access to the phone line to make long distance calls; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Executive Director of the Consumer Council and the City Electrician to report back to the City Council as to whether such a phone scam is possible and whether citizens need to take steps to protect themselves.

In City Council November 9, 1998.
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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Whereas: The message ^{states} ~~claims~~ that a person ^{calls} who claims to be an AT + T Service Technician is conducting a test and requests that the callee touch 9, 0, and #. Supposedly this technique allows the phony technician full access to the phone line to make long distance calls; now therefore be it

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THIS INFORMATION HAS COME TO US FROM A RELIABLE SOURCE.....

>>FYI,

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>>Scam alert here.

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>>I received the following call today from an individual identifying
>>himself as an AT&T Service Technician who was conducting a test on our
>>telephone lines. He stated that to complete the test we should touch
>>nine (9), zero (0), the pound sign (#) and then hang up. Luckily, we
>>were suspicious and refused.

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>>Upon contacting the telephone company we were informed that by pushing
>>90# you give the requesting individual full access to your telephone
>>line, which allows them to place long distance telephone calls billed to
>>your home phone number. We were further informed that this scam has
been

>>originating from many of the local jails and prisons.

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>>I have also verified this information with UCB Telecomm. Please beware.

>>This sounds like an Urban Legend - IT IS NOT! I further called GTE

>>Security this morning and verified that this is definitely
possible....DO

>>NOT PRESS 90# FOR ANYONE...The GTE Security department requested that I

>>share this information with EVERYONE I KNOW!!!

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>>Could you PLEASE pass this on. If you have mailing lists and or
>>newsletters from organizations you are connected with, I encourage you
to

>>pass on this information. I also called my local provider USWEST and
>>they said the same thing.

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>>90# is a phone scam....Do not press those buttons for anyone. It does
>>allow them full access to your phone.



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Consent Order #13

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Councillor Russell re: report on a
new e-mail warning regarding a telephone
scam that is circulating.

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ORDER ADOPTED