

# You Can't Out-SCAM a SCAMMIVER!

**There may be times when you realize that a caller is trying to scam you. Though you may be tempted to seek revenge by “playing along” DON'T DO IT!**

## **Just hang up immediately.**

Because anything you say, could be used against you! In playing along with a scammer, you may unwittingly reveal personal information, like the names of certain relatives or other details of your life. This information could then be used by the scammer to try to trick you or other family members in a future scam.

## **If at first they don't succeed, scammers will try and try again!**

Scammers keep track of phone numbers that are “live,” meaning there is someone on the other end of the line who will answer the phone. If one scam doesn't work, the fraudster may use a different one in the future because he knows you will answer the call.

**Don't try to “beat them”  
at their own game!**



## **Your phone number can still be valuable to a scammer, even if you don't become a victim!**

Many fraudsters re-sell phone numbers and other contact information to other scammers. “Live” phone numbers are much more valuable than phone numbers that go unanswered. By answering the phone and “playing along,” your number may be resold to others as a “live” number, and you may open yourself up to a flood of bogus calls from other scam artists and fraudsters!



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