

Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

Bureau of Consumer Protection

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2023-24 WISCONSIN TELEPHONE SOLICITOR REGISTRATION

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (WDATCP) registers telephone solicitors, meaning persons, other than non-profit organizations, who employ or contract with individuals to make telephone solicitations. A telephone solicitation is the unsolicited initiation of a telephone conversation or text message to a Wisconsin resident for the purpose of encouraging the recipient of the telephone call or text message to purchase property, goods or services. In common phrasing, a telephone solicitor is a telemarketer, and a telephone solicitation is a telemarketing or sales call. The registration year begins December 1 and ends November 30. The telephone solicitor registration is not transferrable.

The Wisconsin Legislature directs WDATCP to promulgate administrative rules³ that require telemarketers who make telephone solicitations to persons in this state to register with WDATCP, as well as obtain copies and updated versions of the Wisconsin Do-Not-Call (DNC) Registry.⁴

The Wisconsin DNC Registry consists of local exchange and mobile telephone numbers of Wisconsin residential telephone subscribers who have elected not to receive unsolicited telephone calls and text messages that are part of a plan to sell goods or services. Telephone solicitors who unlawfully call or text numbers on the registry are in violation of state and federal laws and are subject to forfeitures. Calling or texting consumers on the registry or not registering as a telephone solicitor are separate violations ⁵ and subject to a civil forfeiture. Wisconsin telephone solicitation laws are vigorously enforced.

Telephone solicitors registering with WDATCP are required to subscribe to the National DNC Registry, maintained by the US Federal Trade Commission (FTC). The Wisconsin DNC Registry is the portion of the National DNC Registry that consists of telephone numbers with Wisconsin area codes. After you register with the National DNC Registry, subscribe to the Wisconsin area codes, pay the appropriate fees and agree to the certification requirements, you will receive a Subscription Account Number (SAN) from the FTC. In order to register as a telephone solicitor with WDATCP, you must prove that you have a subscription to the National DNC Registry by providing WDATCP with your organization name and ID, your SAN and the SAN expiration date.

You can register with the National Do-Not-Call Registry at https://telemarketing.donotcall.gov. The FTC provides FAQs and help desk information at the website.

You will be required to synchronize your lists with an updated version of the registry at least every 31 days.

Copies of Wisconsin laws relevant to telephone solicitations ⁷ are available on the Wisconsin State Legislature website: www.legis.state.wi.us. If you need further information, email DATCPWINoCall@Wisconsin.gov or call 1-800-422-7128 or 608-224-4999, or go to our website: www.datcp.wi.gov.

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IMPORTANT: More questions on next page.

¹ See Wis. Stat. § 100.52(1)(j).

² See Wis. Stat. § 100.52(1)(j).

 $^{^{3}}$ Wis. Admin. Code ATCP §§ 127.81 and 127.82.

⁴ See § 100.52(3).

⁵ See Wis. Stat. § 100.52(4)(a)2. and (b)1.

⁶ Wis. Stat. § 100.52(10)(b)

⁷ Wis. Stat. § 100.52 and Wis. Admin. Code ATCP ch. 127, subchapter V

About the telephone solicitor registration form

Please review the telephone solicitor registration form and complete steps 1-12. Sign and date the registration form. **An incomplete registration form may result in delays or denial of your registration.**

In the future, if there are any material changes relative to your registration information, you have <u>30 days to notify WDATCP in writing, or by email to DATCPWINoCall.wisconsin.gov.</u>

Your registration fee

Steps 7-10 of the registration form help you calculate your annual registration fee. Follow the directions for each line item.

- Wis. Admin. Code ATCP § 127.80(8) defines a telephone line as a circuit or channel, including a voice grade equivalent channel, that is derived from a line, cable or digital facility, and that may be used to make a telephone call.
- Under this definition, a "telephone line" includes wireless channels and digital lines. T-lines and other digital lines that have the capacity to call Wisconsin residents simultaneously at one time need to be registered based on the number of outbound calls that can be made to Wisconsin residents. If one T-line channel can call up to 24 Wisconsin residents, then 24 lines, and not the one channel, need to be registered.
- The Wisconsin Telephone Solicitor registration requires an annual registration fee. The annual registration fee is not prorated—the entire annual fee is due regardless of the date of registration. However, the fee may be paid in quarterly payments. The four quarterly installments are due on or before December 1, March 1, June 1, and September 1 of the registration year, or on the date of initial registration whichever is later.

If paying quarterly, please be aware that a 20% late fee of the total annual registration fee will apply to telephone solicitors whose quarterly registration payment(s) are not postmarked on or before the due date(s) – December 1, March 1, June 1, and September 1.

Please return the registration form and a check (payable to "WDATCP") to:

WDATCP, PO Box 93598, Milwaukee, WI 53293-0598.

WDATCP's receipt of the application form and/or deposit of the registration fee do not constitute an approved telephone solicitor registration. An incomplete registration form may result in delays or denial of your registration.

If you have any questions about this program, please call 608-224-4999 or 1-800-422-7128 or e-mail DATCPWINoCall@wisconsin.gov

The following information is provided to comply with the notice requirements of Wis. Stat. § 15.04(1)(m): The Telephone Solicitor Registration form at pages 3 to 4 is authorized by Wis. Stat. §§ 93.07(2), 100.52(3), and Wis. Admin. Code ATCP § 127.81(2). This form must be completed to register with DATCP as a telephone solicitor. If a person fails to register with DATCP as telephone solicitor and makes telephone solicitations to persons in this state, that person violates Wis. Stat. § 100.52(4)(b)1. and is subject to civil forfeitures under Wis. Stat. § 100.52(10)(b). This form is subject to Wisconsin's public records law, Wis. Stat. §§ 19.31 to 19.39. Therefore, personally identifiable information provided on this form might be used for purposes other than for which it was originally collected. Personally identifiable information is information that can be associated with a particular individual natural person. See Wis. Stat. § 19.62(5). To the extent permitted by law, DATCP will not release personally identifiable information provided on this form in response to a public records request. Application is hereby made to obtain telephone solicitor registration pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 100.52 and Wis. Admin. Code ATCP ch. 127, subch. V

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Telephone: (608) 224-4999

Website: TelemarketerRegistration.wi.gov Email: DATCPWINoCall@Wisconsin.gov

Mail registration form to: WDATCP BOX 93598 MILWAUKEE WI 53293-0598

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(for year ending November 30, 2024)

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example, if one digital channel can call up to 24 individuals, then 24 lines,		
TOTAL NUMBER OF TELEPHONE LINES	Fill in here and in line "step 8" listed b	elow on this form.
REQUIRED INFORMATION: list the telephone number(s) and SMS short number must be in the format of (000) 000-0000 or (000) 000-0000 x0000 code must be 4 to 10 digits. Example: (999) 888-7777, or 97777. (if need list of telephone numbers is more than 10, please send an excel document	000 ("x" representing an optional 6 digit extensions essary, attach a separate sheet identified as a	ion). A SMS short ttachment 2. If the
REQUIRED INFORMATION: Enter the number of individuals who will ma	aka talanhana salisitatians undar this registration	an:
If you are registering on behalf of another person or company who hires in Admin. Code § ATCP 127 .81(1)(b)), provide that person or companies leg Names, address, and telephone number(s). (If necessary, attach a separate	ndividuals to promote your products or services yal name, all trade names/assumed	
STEP 7: ANNUAL FEE		
ENTER REGISTRATION FEE. (Fee is \$700 for a First-Time Registrant and non-continuous renewals, or	r \$500 annually for continuous renewals).	\$
STEP 8: TELEPHONE LINE FEE		
Enter the total number of telephone lines (include lines used to solicit through	ugh a telephone conversation or a text	
message) used by you, your employees, and individuals acting as contract TOTAL NUMBER OF TELEPHONE LINES		
If the total number of telephone lines listed above is 3 or less, enter "0" in the total number of telephone lines is 4 or more, multiply the total number		\$
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STEP 11: QUARTERLY REGISTRATION FEE PAYMENT DUE Your "annual registration fee" listed above in step 10 may be payments are due before December 1, March 1, June 1 and Sepayments are due for preceding quarters.		\$
THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION FEE IS NOT PRORATED.		\$
(If you pay a quarterly installment after the due date, a late fee of 20% of t	the total annual registration must be paid.)	
STEP 12: ENCLOSED REGISTRATION FEE PAYMENT AMOUNT (Mai	ke check payable to: WDATCP)	\$
The undersigned, authorized to act on behalf of the applicant, hereby certifies that the Wis. Stat. § 100.52 and Wis. Admin. Code ATCP ch. 127, subch. V and also affirms relative to this application or the information contained therein.		
APPLICANT SIGNATURE APPLICANT PRINT NAME	POSITION/TITLE	
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RECEIPT OF REGISTRATION FORM BY WDATCP DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN APPROVED TELEPHONE SOLICITOR REGISTRATION.

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