



TIP OF THE WEEK

Suspicious or Harassing Phone Calls

It's the middle of the night. Your phone rings, and after you answer it:

- The caller shouts obscenities into the phone,
- You hear the caller suggest some sexual act, or
- You hear nothing at all.

What should you do?

HANG UP.

A suspicious phone call that scares or threatens you is a serious offence and should be reported to the police.

If you have a suspicious phone call:

- Never entertain the caller.
- Do not talk to the caller. Do not beg, plead, or threaten the caller.
- After you hang up, get out a notebook or pad of paper and record the time and date of the call.
- Write down the sex of the caller and anything he or she said.

Remember: The caller wants to scare or upset you. Anything you say to the caller will confirm the reaction the caller is looking for.

Say nothing. Hang up.

- If the caller phones many times or at all hours, or threatens you or your property, call the police.
- After the call is reported to the police, a phone trace may be placed on your line.

Here are some precautions to take if you are receiving suspicious phone calls:

- It may be someone you know. An ex-spouse, boy/girlfriend, co-worker, or total stranger. You will have to try to recall any details of a past relationship or a suspicious person you met.
- At the same time, you must keep in mind your personal safety.
- Watch the people around you – at work, at the bus stop, anywhere – just in case the caller knows you and may be following you.
- Advise NAIT Protective Services. We can offer assistance while you are on campus.

A suspicious phone call is very unnerving.

A threatening phone call is a crime.

For more tips and information, visit www.nait.ca/security.

If you have information about a crime, contact NAIT Protective Services at 780-471-7477. If you wish to remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). Your identity will remain anonymous, and if the information you provide leads to a conviction, you could be eligible for a reward of up to \$2000.00.

Everybody benefits, except the criminal.