HALTON POLICE'S NON-EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER 'SPOOFED'

Halton Regional Police Service is warning the public of a scam with regards to its non-emergency telephone number.

Recently, Halton police have been made aware of a fraudulent call being made to residents which appears to be coming from the service's non-emergency telephone number (905-825-4777).

Referred to as 'spoofing,' a caller on Canadian telephone systems can easily make a call appear from any number.

Fraudsters will do this in order to hide the true or-. igin of the call.

At this time, police aware of only one incident in the last week of the service's non-emergency telephone number being used fraudulent representation.

The caller purported to be "police" to the person

receiving the call and advised that a relative had been arrested.

The caller stated that funds were required to be paid so that the relative could be released from custody.

The person receiving the call was then requested to deposit funds into a Bitcoin ATM.

Please note that there are NO circumstances in which you will be legitimately contacted by the Halton Regional Police Service with an originating number displaying on your caller ID as 905-825-

Outgoing calls from Halton police land line telephones will never be displayed as 905-825-4777.

This spoofing activity does not represent a data breach, nor does it represent a records information breach.

Any and all personal information on file with our service is secure, and the protection of this information remains our highest priority.

- No police service in Canada will ever request an individual to deposit funds using Bitcoin or any money transfer service to secure the release of any-

If you receive a call Identifying as 905-825-4777:

Do not provide information to anyone contacting you from caller ID 905-825-4777.

Take steps to verify anything you have been told by the caller, including finding relevant phone numbers yourself to make call-backs on.

Be aware that there are a number of popular scams that are currently utilizing caller ID scamming.

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Around August every year we pull out the fall calendars whether to increase or reduce the extra-curricular and the cheque books and the sports bags and dance bags hoping some of that equipment will still fit. Time to register the kids for their fall activities.

Managing the kids' activity schedules and the associated costs is enough of a challenge in an intact family. When parents separate, the kids' extracurricular activities can become a divisive issue. Here are a few things to consider when creating a parenting plan to avoid possible conflict over activities when registration time comes around every year:

1. Set a budget. Put it in writing. Stick to it.

This is obviously helpful even where parents are not separated. When coaches and instructors tell us our children have "what it takes" it's hard not to give in to pressure to pay for the next level of training, etc.

Consider all of the costs - not just the initial registration fees but tournaments (and associated costs such as travel, meals and hotels), equipment, costumes, private coaching, dance exams, makeup, photographs, videos and how you will fund these throughout the year.

2. Set out your mutual goals.

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Separated parents won't agree on everything. When it comes to the kids you probably have some common goals surrounding their best interests including health and well-being and academic standards. If you put these in your parenting plan all future discussions about activities can refer back to these goals to help with the decision-making process.

3. Set limits.

Whether it's the number of hours in a week, or days, or tournaments or the number of activities in which a child will participate set this out in a parenting plan to avoid future disagreements.

4. Set out responsibilities.

Who will do the driving? Who will be responsible to care for siblings when one child is participating in an activity? Are parents required to volunteer? Will all parents have the opportunity to attend practices, games, recitals, etc. regardless of the schedule?

5. Include a detailed "Dispute Resolution" provision.

Think about...

What will you do if there is a disagreement in the future? How will you come to a child-focused resolution?

Will you work with a mediator (and, if so, how will you choose the mediator and how will you share the cost?)

If you really can't agree will you outsource the decisionmaking to a third party such as a parenting coordinator or an arbitrator?

For help creating the best parenting plans for your family please do not hesitate to_contact us at Berry Gage LLP Family Law, Mediation, Wills & Estates. www.bgfamilylaw.ca

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