

In Touch

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In an Emergency, Could Your Child Find the Phone?

Let's say you're choking or having another medical crisis, and your young child must call 911. If there's no landline, your child will have to locate your cell phone, unlock it, enter a passcode or tap on the word "Emergency," find the phone icon, get to the keypad, enter 911, and then tap on Call or Send. That's a lot for a child, especially during the stress of an emergency.



By contrast, your child can get to a landline phone without searching. Plus, he or she just needs to pick up the receiver and punch in 911.

Call 800-473-1442 for details on our low-cost landline service.

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TAKE
YOUR HOME'S INTERNET
outside!

Wish you could enjoy a strong internet signal while relaxing outside on your deck or patio? Then we have sunny news for you. **Sign up for Home Networking from BEVCOMM and our technicians will install and secure the Wi-Fi equipment you need for optimum performance.**

Along with sunscreen and shades, Home Networking from BEVCOMM gets you ready for outdoor living.

**CALL 800-473-1442
TO SIGN UP NOW**

*Service availability and internet speeds will depend on location. Additional equipment may be required. Call us for complete details.

Watch Out for the Grandparent Scam

Callers pretending to be grandkids are targeting older Americans to try and scam them out of money. Typically, the call begins with “Hi, Grandpa” or “Hi, Grandma,” followed by a sob story about an emergency—such as an arrest or car accident—requiring money to be sent immediately through services such as Western Union or MoneyGram.

How do scammers select their potential victims and know the names of family members? They may use marketing lists and information from social networking sites or obituaries. Or they may hack into email accounts to get contact lists.

These crooks often call in the middle of the night when people are startled and not fully awake. If you get a call like this, take a deep breath and try not to get emotional. Instead, ask some personal questions that would be hard for an impostor to answer correctly. You should never agree to a money transfer based on a single call. Always hang up and do some research, such as calling the relative directly, to check out the story.



Large Homes Can Lead to More Wi-Fi Challenges

While owning a large home provides many advantages—including having plenty of room for everyone in the family to spread out with their respective devices—it can also result in frustrating Wi-Fi issues. Here are some of the challenges:

- **Building materials** - Heavy walls and flooring can reduce Wi-Fi signal strength, especially if they are brick or concrete.
- **Square footage** - The higher the square footage, the more Wi-Fi signal strength you’ll need. In a large home, it’s unlikely that a single router or access point will be able to send a signal that can cover multiple users in different rooms on two or three levels.
- **Room furnishings** - Common causes of Wi-Fi interference include fluorescent lights, compact fluorescent light bulbs, metal, mirrors, appliances, and radiant floor heat.
- **Limitations of consumer-grade access points** - Let’s say you have three floors in your house with a wireless access point on each floor. The wireless signals emitted from these points are not controller based; they do not “talk to each other” and instead fight over your device. Which means when you move between floors, the access points have a difficult time “letting your device go” to the next signal.

If you’re a techie with a do-it-yourself attitude, you might enjoy the big job of planning, setting up, and maintaining the Wi-Fi network in your large home. However, if you’d rather be doing something else, consider Home Networking from BEVCOMM.

For a small monthly fee, we’ll handle all the Wi-Fi work for you. One of our technicians will perform a Wireless Network Site Survey on your house to assess the building materials and identify the potential issues for the wireless signal. Then we’ll design a plan and install professional-grade equipment to make sure you have the Wi-Fi signal you need throughout your home. Should troubles arise later, we’ll be out to take care of them promptly at no additional cost.

For more details on the convenience of Home Networking from BEVCOMM, call 800-473-1442.