

SAMPLE CALL LOG

DATE/ TIME	DETAILS
11-20-95 11:26 P.M.	Male, husky voice, said "*&#!" then hung up
11-22-95 3:30 P.M.	Female with accent made suggestion of "*#\$!%*" The sound of horns in the background

**For additional information contact
University Police Department
392-1111**

**University Police Department
Office of Victim Services
392-5648**

**Community Services Division
392-1409**



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HARASSING/ OBSCENE TELEPHONE CALLS



**KNOW THE LAW
KNOW YOUR RIGHTS**

Obscene or Harassing Phone Calls:

A phone call is considered obscene or harassing if it is received at a location where you have a reasonable expectation of privacy and the caller makes repeated calls or makes any comment, request, suggestion, or proposal which is obscene, lewd lascivious, filthy, vulgar, or indecent. Such a call or language intends to abuse, threaten, or harass any person who answers the phone. You do not have to tolerate these types of calls.

Florida State Statute 365.16 describes obscene or harassing telephone calls as:



Making a call without conversation or disclosure of identity and with the intent to harass, annoy, abuse or threaten.

Making a call with conversation and with the intent solely to harass or threaten (with disclosure of identity).

Making a call during which any obscene conversation or suggestions are made with the intention of offending, harassing, threatening or abusing the person called.

Making continued calls or continually ringing the phone with the intent to harass.

MAKING OBSCENE OR HARASSING PHONE CALLS IS A SECOND DEGREE MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE BY A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$500 AND/OR 60 DAYS IN JAIL.

NOTE: As the victim of harrassing/obscene telephone calls you may request an exemption prohibiting the disclosure of information which may reveal your identity. This request must be made in writing. Ask for further information.

Reporting obscene or harassing phone calls

1. Report obscene or harassing phone calls to the University Police Department 392-1111. Call the University Police Department and request an officer to respond to your location.
2. Pay attention to any background noises, the caller's sex, accent, speech pattern, or anything else to aid in identification.
3. Use *69 service. By pressing *69 the number of the telephone that last called you is identified. This service is available for FREE, on all Division of Housing telephones. Off-campus, there will be a charge of \$1.00 per use. When you receive an unwanted telephone call use this service, record the number and report the number to the police.
4. Keep a log of calls received, include, date, time and details of the call (see back).
5. If calls are received on an answering machine, save the tape or do not erase it, and give it to the police.

