

## General Information - Cont.

and prompt telephone service. If your directory is no longer serviceable, please call the business office.

Every reasonable precaution is taken to avoid errors in and omissions from the telephone directory, but the telephone company does not guarantee listings therein and shall not be liable for damages arising out of errors in or omissions from the directory, except as provided for in its filed regulations and tariffs. Directories for other cities may be obtained by calling the business office.

### ATTACHMENTS TO TELEPHONES

In the interest of providing dependable, efficient and modern telephone service, the telephone company sets specifications for equipment which may be connected to its facilities. These specifications are required to insure that each part of the system is designed and maintained to work with every other part of the complex telephone network. Rules and regulations regarding the connection of customer

provided equipment to telephone company facilities are on file with the Minnesota Public Service Commission. Copies are available for review at the business office.

### AUTOMATIC ANSWERING SET

Certain telephones are equipped with an automatic device, known as an automatic answering set, which answers the telephone mechanically or digitally. It then makes a recorded announcement. If your call is answered by an automated answering set, listen carefully for the announcement which will be self-explanatory. Some sets will also record a message from the caller.

### RATES AND REGULATIONS

Regulations and rules governing the furnishing of services by the telephone company are on file in our business offices. A representative will be glad to assist you in obtaining information from them.

## WARNING - TELEPHONE LAWS

### TO ALL TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBERS STATE OF MINNESOTA:

#### 609.78 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE CALLS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Whoever does any of the following is guilty of a misdemeanor:

(1) Refuses to relinquish immediately a coin-operated telephone or a telephone line consisting of two or more stations when informed that the line is needed to make an emergency call for medical or ambulance service or for assistance from a police or fire department or for other service needed in an emergency to avoid serious harm to person or property, and an emergency in fact exists; or

(2) Secures a relinquishment of a coin-operated telephone or a telephone line consisting of two or more stations by falsely stating that the line is needed for an emergency; or

(3) Publishes telephone directories to be used for telephones or telephone lines and the directories do not contain a copy of this section; or

(4) Makes an emergency call for medical or ambulance service, knowing that no medical emergency exists; or

(5) Interrupts, disrupts, impedes, or otherwise interferes with the transmission of a citizens band radio channel communication, the purpose of which is to inform or inquire about a medical emergency or an emergency in which property is or is reasonably believed to be in imminent danger of damage or destruction.

#### 609.785 FRAUDULENT LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS

Whoever obtains long distance telephone service by intentionally charging the cost thereof to a false or nonexistent telephone or calling card number or to the telephone or calling card number of another without his authority may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than 90 days or to payment of a fine of not more than \$300.00, or both, when the value of the telephone service obtained is not more than \$100.00 and by imprisonment for not more than five years or to payment of a fine of

not more than \$5,000.00, or both, if the value of the telephone service obtained in a single transaction, or in separate transactions within any six month period, or more than \$100.00.

Whoever willfully makes, assembles or possesses any electronic, mechanical or other device having reason to know that it is intended to be used and that its design renders it primarily useful to avoid payment of lawful charges for long distance telecommunications service, in whole or in part, or whoever sells, gives or otherwise transfers to another, such a device, or offers or advertises such a device for sale, or advertises or offers, for a monetary consideration, plans or component parts for the purposes of making or assembling such a device, having reason to know it is intended to be used unlawfully, or whoever, by use of such a device, obtains or attempts to obtain long distance telecommunications services, may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than three years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$3,000.00, or both.

#### 609.79 OBSCENE OR HARASSING TELEPHONE CALLS

Subdivision 1. Whoever:

- (1) By means of a telephone,
  - (a) makes any comment, request, suggestion or proposal which is obscene, lewd, lascivious, filthy or indecent;
  - (b) makes a telephone call, whether or not conversation ensues, without disclosing his identity and with intent to annoy, threaten, or harass any person at the called number;
  - (c) makes or causes the telephone of another repeatedly or continuously to ring, with intent to harass any person at the called number; or

(2) Knowingly permits any telephone under his control to be used for any purpose prohibited by this section, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Subdivision 2. The offense may be prosecuted either at the place where the call is made or where it is received.

