

"Can you hear me now?" Scam Could Hit Wisconsin, Better Business Bureau Warns



Officials with the Wisconsin Better Business Bureau are warning consumers of a scam affecting people in other states that could make its way to Wisconsin.

The "Can you hear me now?" scam involves scammers calling consumers and asking them simple questions designed to get them to say "yes," BBB regional manager Susan Bach said.

It only takes is ONE YES to ONE question. Scammers then start adding fraudulent charges to consumers' billing statements and when the consumers call to complain, the scammers say they have a recording of the consumer agreeing to the charges.

"The best way to protect yourself is... if you get a call with this kind of simple question, respond, 'Who is this? Why are you calling?'" Bach said.

She also recommends not answering phone calls from unfamiliar numbers or hanging up on the caller.

Bach said the scam is a variation of an older scam, and while no reports of Wisconsin consumers being affected have reached the BBB, the bureau's offices in other states are hearing from those affected.

"It's probably just a matter of time before it works its way to Wisconsin," Bach said.

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