

THE PROGRESS

September 2021

Mandatory 10-Digit Dialing in 218, 320, & 605 Area Codes Starts October 24

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has adopted 988 as a new three-digit number to be used nationwide to reach the National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline.

In order for 988 to work in the 218, 320, and 605 area codes, 10-digit local dialing must first be implemented. As a result, you will need to change the way you dial local calls on/before October 24, 2021.

WHAT WILL BE THE NEW DIALING PROCEDURE?

To complete all local calls, you will now need to dial area code + telephone number. This applies to all calls within the 218, 320, and 605 area codes that are currently dialed with seven digits.

WHO WILL BE AFFECTED?

Anyone with a telephone number from the 218, 320, and 605 area codes will need to make this change from 7-digit local dialing to 10-digit local dialing.

WHEN WILL THE CHANGE BEGIN?

Beginning April 24, 2021, you should begin dialing 10 digits (area code + telephone number) for all local calls. If you forget and dial just 7 digits, your call will still be completed.

Beginning October 24, 2021, you must dial 10-digits (area code + telephone number) for all local calls. On and after this date, local calls dialed with only 7-digits may not be completed, and a recording will inform you that your call cannot be completed as dialed. You must hang up and dial again using the area code and the 7-digit number.

Beginning July 16, 2022, dialing "988" will route your call to National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline.

WHAT WILL YOU NEED TO DO?

In addition to changing the way you dial local calls, all services, automatic dialing equipment, or other types of equipment that are programmed to complete calls to 7-digit local numbers will need to be reprogrammed to complete calls to 10-digit numbers.

Some examples are life safety systems or medical monitoring devices, PBXs, fax machines, Internet dial-up numbers, fire or burglar alarm and security systems or gates, speed dialers, mobile or other wireless phone contact lists, call forwarding settings, voicemail services and other similar functions.

Be sure to check your website, personal and business stationery, advertising materials, personal and business checks, contact information, and other such items to ensure the 218, 320, and 605 area codes is included.

WHAT WILL REMAIN THE SAME?

- Your telephone number, including the current 218, 320, and 605 area codes, will not change.
- The price of a call, coverage area, or other rates and services will not change due to the dialing change.
- What is a local call now will remain a local call regardless of the number of digits dialed.
- You will continue to dial 1+ area code + telephone number for all long distance calls.
- You can still dial just three digits to reach 711 (relay services) and 911 (emergency services).
- Any 211, 311, 411, 511, 611, or 811 services available in your community can still be reached by dialing their three-digit codes.
- The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline can still be reached by dialing 1-800-273-TALK (8255).

WHO MAY YOU CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions regarding information provided in this notice, please call us at 218-826-6161 or 218-998-2000. You can also visit the FCC website at <https://www.fcc.gov/suicide-prevention-hotline>



Back To School Special

Receive a free install and one free month of Managed Wi-Fi with a one year contract. Stop in our Fergus Falls or Underwood location to sign up. You can also sign up by contacting us at 218-826-6161 or 218-998-2000. You must sign up by September 30, 2021 to take advantage of this great deal!

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

September 4 • Underwood Harvest Festival

September 6 • Offices Closed, Labor Day

September 10-12 • Lake Region Pioneer Thresherman's Show, Dalton

September 27 • Rothsay CATV Shut Down

September 30 • Closing of PO Box

September 30 • Deadline for Back to School Special

Fergus Falls PO Box Closing

We will be closing our Fergus Falls PO Box effective September 30, 2021. We will no longer be using PO Box 937, Fergus Falls, MN 56537 as our mailing address. Please address mail directed to our Fergus Falls office to 230 West Lincoln Ave, Fergus Falls, MN 56537.

LIVE LOCAL SPORTS

2021 FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

*Schedules are subject to change.



Watch the Fergus Falls Otters, Underwood Rockets, Ashby Arrows, and Rothsay Tigers

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Fergus Falls Otters Varsity Sports Schedule

Football • Soccer • Swimming • Volleyball

Date	Time	Sport	Opponent
9/2	7:00PM	Boys Soccer	Rocori
9/3	7:00PM	Football	Detroit Lakes
9/7	7:00PM	Volleyball	St. Cloud Apollo
9/9	7:00PM	Boys Soccer	East Grand Forks Green Wave
9/14	6:00PM	Girls Swim	Rocori
9/14	7:00PM	Boys Soccer	Sauk Rapids-Rice
9/16	6:00PM	Girls Swim	Sauk Rapids-Rice
9/16	7:00PM	Girls Soccer	Sartell
9/18	1:00PM	Girls Soccer	Detroit Lakes
9/21	7:00PM	Girls Soccer	Brainerd
9/23	7:00PM	Boys Soccer	Willmar
9/24	6:00PM	Football	Thief River Falls
9/28	7:00PM	Girls Swim	Hillcrest
9/30	7:00PM	Volleyball	Rocori
10/5	7:00PM	Girls Soccer	St. Cloud Apollo
10/7	6:00PM	Girls Swim	Willmar
10/8	6:00PM	Football	Roseau
10/12	6:00PM	Girls Swim	Perham
10/14	7:00PM	Volleyball	Sartell
10/20	7:00PM	Football	East Grand Forks Green Wave

Underwood Rockets Varsity Sports Schedule

Football • Volleyball

Date	Time	Sport	Opponent
9/2	7:00PM	Football	Pelican Rapids
9/7	7:15PM	Volleyball	Ashby
9/9	7:15PM	Volleyball	Hillcrest
9/23	7:15PM	Volleyball	Battle Lake
9/24	7:00PM	Football	Breckenridge
10/1	7:00PM	Football	Frazee
10/8	7:00PM	Football	Parkers Prairie
10/14	7:15PM	Volleyball	Rothsay

Ashby Arrows Varsity Sports Schedule

Volleyball

Date	Time	Sport	Opponent
9/21	7:15PM	Volleyball	Parkers Prairie
9/28	7:15PM	Volleyball	Underwood
10/5	7:15PM	Volleyball	Battle Lake
10/19	7:15PM	Volleyball	Hillcrest

Rothsay Tigers Varsity Sports Schedule

Volleyball

Date	Time	Sport	Opponent
9/30	7:15PM	Volleyball	Ashby
10/7	7:15PM	Volleyball	Hillcrest
10/12	7:15PM	Volleyball	Battle Lake



LIVE MONDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30PM ON prtvnow!

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