



The Sun - 29 May 2016: Fair Telecoms warn that scammers are duping consumers into PAYING for FREE phone calls

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# BEWARE OF FREE PHONEY RIP-OFF

**SCAMMERS** are duping consumers into paying way over the odds for free and standard-rate phone calls.

They set up higher-rate numbers and promote them to appear above official ones on search engines including Google.

Victims phoning them still get through to their destinations such as the Inland Revenue, National Rail Enquiries and the Passport Office.

*But the calls are rerouted, sometimes through an 087 number costing up to 57p a minute.*

The rerouting firm takes a cut.

And most callers are not told they could have the same conversation on a free-

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phone or standard rate number. Rerouter numbers2u.co.uk was shut last night after The Sun on Sunday contacted it.

Fair Telecoms Campaign's David Hickson told Ofcom to step in insisting: "These are nothing but scams."

Numbers2.co.uk said: "It was an oversight."

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