



Area Code 209

Facts About Area Code 209 & 10-Digit Dialing

Starting October 24, 2021, 10-digit dialing will be mandatory in Area Code 209.



What Is Changing?

- Starting October 24, 2021, 10-digit dialing will be required for all calls you make, including calls you make within the 209 area code (1 + 209 + 7 digit number).
- You will no longer be able to dial 7 digits to a local number inside the 209 area code. You will need to dial 1 + 209 + 7 digit number.

What Does Not Change:

- Your telephone number will not change.
- Long distance rates will not change.
- Dialing 911, 311, 211 or any other 3-digit services will not change.

How To Prepare For 10-Digit Dialing:

- Beginning April 24, 2021, you should begin using 10-digit dialing for all calls you make, including calls within the 209 area code (1 + 209 + 7 digit number). This will allow you to become familiar with the new dialing pattern before it becomes mandatory.
- Make sure your website, stationery, advertising materials, business cards, checks, contact information, personal or pet ID tags, and other such items include 1 + 209 + 7 digit number.
- Update or re-program all stored local telephone numbers to complete calls using 10-digit dialing. 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 features.

Why Is The Dialing Pattern Changing?

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has adopted 988 as a three digit abbreviated dialing code for the National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Hotline beginning July 16, 2022. In order for 988 to work in our 209 area code, 10-digit local dialing must first be implemented.

For more information, contact the FCC at [fcc.gov/suicide-prevention-hotline](https://www.fcc.gov/suicide-prevention-hotline)