



Ever-repeated TV ads about phony products and services are annoying enough. However, as hard as they try, the TV lawyers, drug makers and auto dealers are not quite as crooked as robocallers.

They're the unwanted, too often daily, rings on your phone. Then, when you answer, you may hear a cheerful: How are you today? Or a similar insincere greeting. The calls sometimes say you've won free cruises and other travel scams. Your urge is to give the appropriately profane answer. However, according to the Federal Trade Commission, the best response is to hang up immediately.

Basic FTC advice is that if you do choose to talk to the caller, never give out personal information of any kind. When the annoying calls continue, you should file your specific complaint and subscribe to the FTC website's Do Not Call List, www.ftc.gov.

When the calls persist, try to get as much information from the caller as possible, such as email address, phone number, product names and company location. Include them on your complaint report to the FTC. Your travel4seniors.com editor did it and the calls stopped....for awhile.