

Get ready for  
**11-DIGIT  
DIALING**  
for local calls



Soon you'll need to  
**DIAL 1 + THE  
AREA CODE**  
before local  
phone numbers

In July 2020, the Federal Communications Commission adopted an order approving the designation of 988 as the 3-digit dialing code for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. To facilitate implementation, area codes across the country where the 988 prefix is a working prefix and which now use 7-digit local dialing must transition to 11-digit local dialing. This includes the 209 area code in our service area.

Starting October 24, 2021, you'll need to dial the 1+209 area code plus the 7-digit phone number to make local calls. In addition to changing your dialing routine, you'll also have to reprogram 7-digit local numbers to 11-digit numbers if you use speed dial or any other system that automatically makes calls for you.

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