

2022-Q3

# QUARTERLY REPORT

on scam calls by RealCall



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# Key Conclusions



Scam calls become increasingly rampant, and it's estimated that the number will keep rising in Q4.



The leading scam types include cryptocurrency investment scams, online shopping scams and job scams.



Top 5 area code scams include 530, 502, 626, 915 and 315.



RealCall has been helping millions of users in the US and around the world to protect against scams.

## Never expect scam calls to disappear forever.

As a part of scams, scam calls are usually used as a way to kickstart a dialogue with victims, either in voice or texts. However, it's unrealistic to expect scam calls to disappear forever. According to the data released by FCC and reports provided by RealCall users, scam calls have witnessed a huge increase from January to September in 2022 and the number keeps constantly rising.

Who can be a target victim of call scammers?  
EVERYONE, sadly!

Everyone can be a victim as long as there is a "play script" matching his or her "pain spots". From July to September, the spam calls and texts blocked by RealCall keep going up respectively from 19.6 million to 30.6 million, and from 9.8 billion to 11.6 billion.

Keep in mind: Scam calls can never end, and they should be regarded as being an inevitable part of our life.



## **Top Scam Types – Whenever an issue below is concerned, it must be a scam.**

3 leading scam types are seen most according to RealCall database, including:



## **Cryptocurrency Investment Scams**

Cryptocurrency investment scams are becoming increasingly popular along the extraordinary popularity and widespread marketing of cryptocurrencies. Scammers always establish contacts with victims through calls or texts claiming to be wrong dialers or senders so that trust can be built naturally and instantly. As communications go up and deepen, cryptocurrency investment will be surely suggested during any dialogue.

## **Online Shopping Scams**

Online shopping scams cover such a wide range of dimensions that this type of scams is available since the advent of the Internet. Therefore, online shopping scams sound like an "old school" because they never disappear. The only change occurring to online shopping scams now is what the "hook" is like.

Online shopping scammers always mislead victims to believe their online shopping accounts are going through abnormalities with a fake link. Once the victims click such links and even enter the information, all their personal information will be instantly stolen or even abused. In addition, as holidays arrive during the holiday season in the 4th quarter of 2022, it's estimated that more online shopping scams will be seen.

## Job Scams

Post COVID-19, it's becoming dramatically difficult for people to find jobs and scammers also rush into the job-hunting area for instant profits. In addition, as a number of remote jobs is created after the pandemic, more possibilities can be achieved by scammers to cheat victims out of privacy or money. Scammers always mislead victims to provide as much personal information as possible so as to take advantage of them.

A man in a dark suit and light blue shirt is talking on a mobile phone while holding a tablet. He is standing in front of a subway entrance. A sign above the entrance reads "or buy MetroCard" and "or see agent at & 6 Avenue".

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## Top 5 Area Code Scams

According to RealCall blocking data, the top 5 area code scams in the US include:

**530** - California

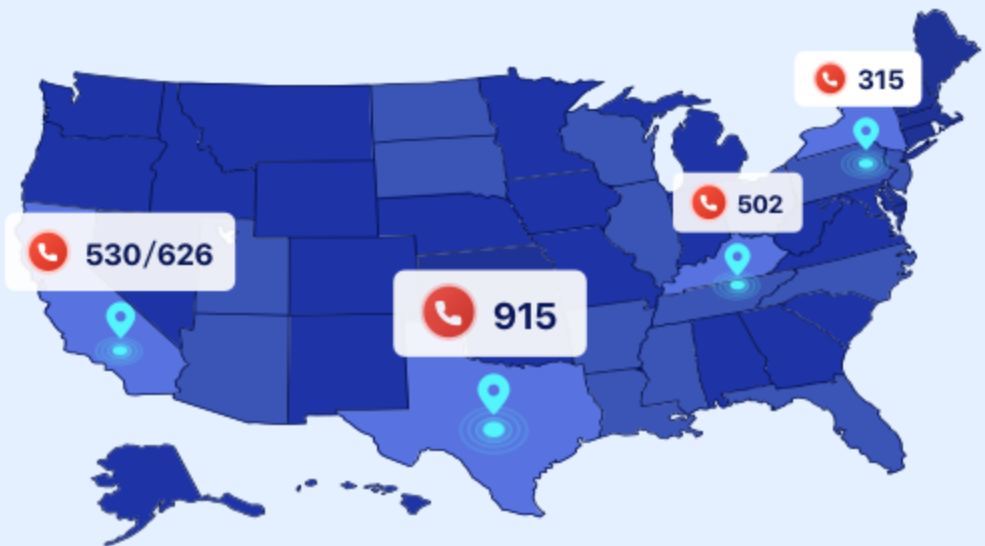
**502** - Kentucky

**626** - California

**915** - Texas

**315** - New York

It doesn't mean all numbers starting with the above area codes should be rejected but it's suggested to stay alert when an unknown number is seen on your phone screen with such an area code above.



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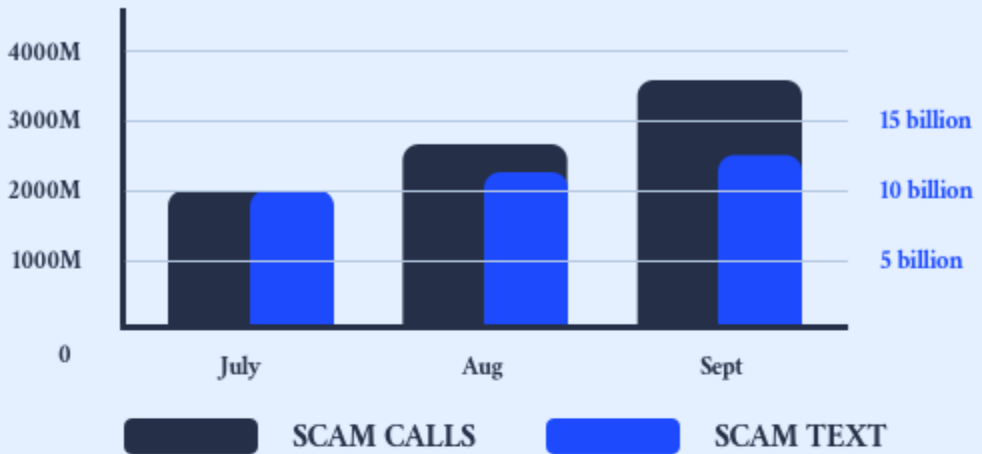
### TOP 3 SCAM TYPES

- 1 Cryptocurrency investment scams
- 2 Online shopping scams
- 3 Cryptocurrency investment scams

### TOP 5 AREA CODE SCAMS







## Use RealCall to Protect Against Scammers All Time

RealCall has been protecting people against all kinds of unwanted calls like spam calls, scam calls and robocalls.

- Auto Block Over 99% of Unwanted Calls
- Accurate Detection and Smart Blocking of SMS Fraud
- Meet Answer Bots to Fool Telemarketers, Scammers, etc.
- Custom Block Calls in Categories
- Know Who's Calling You, Based on a Powerful DataBase and Algorithms

Get RealCall on your phone, and receive all calls without any doubt.



# RealCall

RealCall is an app that provides spam call blocking and caller ID for global users. Empowered by the vast and ever-evolving database and AI-based modeling, RealCall features top-notch accuracy of blocking.

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