

Critical information on reverse phone number look-up services:

Parents, caregivers, educators, and other individuals who work with children should know about reverse phone number lookup services



Recently, many databases have emerged online which allow anyone to type an area code and phone number into a field and receive a name, address, and a map that details the location of the listing on screen within seconds. (Likewise, typing a street address into an online mapping service can provide a map and directions directly to a doorstep.)

There may be some good reasons why a family would want to have contact information published and accessible in online databases, but there are also many reasons why a family would not want this. The parents or caregivers of each family must be empowered to make their own informed decisions.

It is important to know that in today's world one piece of information can very easily lead to more information. We frequently fill out forms and share our phone numbers in many ways, and while it is true that printed copies of phone books have been around for a long time, online directories make getting information about where people live easier than ever before. Reverse phone number lookup services have implications on the privacy of children.

Online reverse phone number lookup services get their information from US telephone directories, who in turn get your information from your home (land line) telephone service provider. If you do not want your information to appear in online directories and searches, considering contacting your telephone service provider to request that your phone number change to unlisted status. This will impact future print and online directories.

You can also go online and try searching your phone number in some of the online directories listed below. They all have various processes in place to allow you to remove your listing. Removing your personal information from one online directory will not result in the removal of your listings from other web pages or reverse phone listing lookup services.

Anywho.com

Google.com (simply type in your ph. #, then *search*)

Phonenumber.com

ReversePhoneDirectory.com

Smartpages.com

Switchboard.com

Whitepages.com

For a longer list of reverse phone lookup services, try conducting a search using your favorite search engine.