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Foreign Doppelganger Harasses Businesses

Unknown entity impersonates the Alberta Chambers of Commerce

The Alberta Chambers of Commerce is asking for Albertan businesses to help provide them with information regarding an organization which has been harassing businesses around the province with unwanted and repetitive phone calls. The unknown callers claim to represent the provincial Chamber but, according to ACC President and CEO Ken Kobly, is in no way connected to the Chamber.

The ACC has received several complaints from a variety of businesses regarding the calls, which are in no way connected to the actual organization. The callers inquire about retail plans and offer retail related services. However, their manner is off-putting and they are known to make multiple calls in a single day to the same business.

“So far, we are not aware of any damages or fraudulent activities that have occurred as business owners with whom we have spoken have realized that something is amiss.” Kobly says, “Nonetheless, we are very concerned that our organization is being impersonated to the annoyance and harassment of Alberta businesses.”

The ACC is trying to identify the callers. The calls appear to be coming from outside Canada although it is unknown from where they are placed. Kobly notes, “It is a very rare occasion when the ACC contacts a business directly. We leave it to the local, community chambers across this province to connect with their local businesses.”

If you have any information regarding these calls or their source, please contact the Alberta Chambers of Commerce at 1.800.272.8854.

The Alberta Chambers of Commerce is a federation of 128 community-based chambers of commerce representing more than 24,000 businesses.

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