THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

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Scams targeting URI community

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Recently, a scam caller has been calling students' homes from a number labeled as "URI Tyler Hall". It seems to be a home owners insurance scam, and thus far has only contacted students living off campus.

Students and the URI Community should be aware that Tyler Hall will not be calling them, and this is another variation of the telephone scams that have occurred previously. Students living off campus (especially those in Narragansett or in other off campus housing) might not know about scam calls or may think it is linked to the University. **These calls are scams and no information should be given to the caller.**

One number reported to be an originator of the scam calls is (401) 874-8483, however that number has been disconnected.

In this specific case, the scammer asks about insurance, some calls have been regarding Home Owners Insurance. Remember, DO NOT give out any credit card information, social security numbers, bank information, address, or any other personal information. These calls are cases of fraud. Report the incident to the University Police Department at 401-874-2121. You may also report incidents to your local or state police.

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