

Understanding Telephone Numbers

The UK telephone numbering system works in the following way, numbers starting:

- 01 and 02 are landline numbers and are charged at standard rate from your telephone provider
- 07 are mobile phones numbers
- 0800 are free from a standard fixed line, however they are not free from mobiles
- 0844 are fixed rate up to 5p a minute
- 0845 are charged at local rates
- 0871 are fixed rate up to 10p a minute
- 09 are premium rate up to £1.50 a minute from standard lines and up to £1.85 depending on your mobile operator
- 999 or 112 are the emergency numbers for police, fire, and ambulance and are free of charge from all telephones

Important: when calling 08 numbers mobile phones operators may charge you up to 35p a minute.

Many people use internet phoning as a cheap option for foreign calls. If you search the internet you can find a number of companies specialising in this.

To call a foreign number you need to dial 00 access code which is followed by the country code, the area code, and the local number.