

Unlocking your cell phone just got a whole lot easier and cheaper!

With the new <u>CRTC Wireless Code</u> coming into effect on December 1st, 2017, Canadian cell phone carriers are now banned from charging a fee for unlocking any phone and **all new phones must be sold unlocked.** 

# What you need to unlock your phone

- Your Phone IMEI this stands for "International Mobile Equipment Identity" and it's a unique number specific to your mobile device. You can get your IMEI by dialling \*#06# on most phone's native dialer. The IMEI is made up of 15 digits with no spaces.
- Foreign SIM card some phones require a SIM card from a different carrier's network than the one your phone is currently locked to for unlocking process to work. You can borrow a friend's SIM card if you don't have one handy or just pick one up cheaply from another provider for a few dollars.
- Account information many providers are asking you to either be an existing or former customer to unlock a phone locked to their network. Have your account number and other ID handy just in case.



# How to contact your carrier for free

# 7-Eleven SpeakOut Wireless

- **✓ Call:** 1-866-310-1023
- **✓ Online:** try <u>emailing them</u>
- ✓ Store: N/A
- More information

#### Bell

- ✓ Call: 1.800.667.0123
- Online: use their unlock tool
- Store: use their store locator
- More information

## **BelIMTS**

- ✓ Call: 1.800.883.2054
- Online: use their unlock tool
- Store: use their store locator
- More information

#### Chatr

- Call: Text 'help' to 611
- Online: N/A
- Store: use their store locator
- More information

#### Eastlink

- Call: 1.888.345.1111
- Online: try their <u>live chat</u>
- Store: use their store locator
- More information

# Fido

- **✓ Call:** 1.888.481.3436
- ✓ Online: try their live chat
- Store: use their store locator
- More information

## **Freedom Mobile**

- **✓ Call:** 1.877.946.3184
- Online: use their unlock tool
- Store: use their store locator
- More information

#### Koodo

- **✓ Call:** 1.866.995.6636
- Online: log into Self Serve
- Store: use their store locator
- More information

#### Petro Canada

- **✓ Call:** 1.866.788.3475
- ✓ Online: N/A
- ✓ Store: N/A
- More information

#### **Public Mobile**

- Call: 1.855.478.2542 (phones activated before January 27, 2015)
- Online: contact a community moderator (phones activated after January 27, 2015)
  - Store: N/A
- More information

## Rogers

- **✓ Call:** 1.855.381.7835
- Online: try their live chat
- Store: use their store locator
- More information

#### SaskTel

- ✓ Call: 1.800.727.5835
- ✓ Online: try their <u>live chat</u>
- ✓ Store: use their store locator
- More information

# **Tbaytel**

- **✓ Call:** 1.800.264.9501
- ✓ Online: try their <u>live chat</u>
- ✓ Store: use their store locator
- More information

## **TELUS**

- ✓ Call: 1.866.558.2273
- ✓ Online: try their <u>live chat</u>
- Store: use their store locator
- More information

### Videotron

- ✓ Call: 1.877.380.2611
- Online: Use their unlock tool
- ✓ Store: Use their store locator
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## Virgin Mobile

- **✓ Call:** 1.888.999.2321
- ✓ Online: try their live chat
- ✓ Store: use their store locator
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