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## #1 Scam In America Today

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If I asked you what the number 1 scam in America is right now you might say phishing email scams, Facebook scams, Nigerian 419 scams, sweetheart scams or any number of other scam types. However, you're probably thinking a little too digital.



The largest type of scam actually uses an older technology that you have in your home right now. Yep, it's the humble phone scam.

Phone security company Pindrop Security does an annual "State of Phone Fraud" report and it found some disturbing things. For example, there are more than 86 million scam calls every month, and that's just in the U.S.

To put it another way, one in every 2,200 phone calls is a scam call. And that's up 30% from 2013, which means it's only going to get worse. If you haven't gotten a scam call yet, it's almost certain you will.

Part of the problem with detecting phone scams is that there are so many. It could be an automated robocall telling you that you won a prize and need to call a number and give them personal information to claim it. Or it could be the "IRS" saying there was a problem with your taxes and you need to pay right away to avoid going to jail.

Another common one is the **phone tech support scam**. This is where someone calls you pretending to be from Microsoft and claims you have viruses on your computer. However, if you let them on to "clean" it, they'll really install viruses and charge you a bunch of money.

*Editor's note: The staff at Park Place Computers has 1-2 customers a month who come in after been lured into a phone tech support scam. We can clean the PC to rid the machine of any viruses and spyware but this could have been prevented by the user if he or she just hung up when the caller says the Microsoft is calling!*

## Windows 10 will soon Cost You \$119

Microsoft says its newest version, [Windows 10](#), has been downloaded 300 million times in less than a year. There are good reasons for that. Windows 10 is fast, safe and it'll soon have browser extensions that diehard Windows users have been asking for for years.



Another great thing about Windows 10 is that the Windows 10 upgrade from Windows 7 and Windows 8.1 is absolutely, 100% free. You pay nothing, nada, zippo.

That is, you pay nothing if you act really fast. If you don't upgrade your Windows to Windows 10

by July 29, you'll have to pay \$119 to get it. And, if you're a PC user, you should get it.

**Note: Park Place Computers will install Windows 10 for you if you wish.**

## Chromebooks Outsell Macs

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In the battle for the future of the PC, Google just notched a win and opened the door for further gains later this year.

Chromebooks topped the Mac for the No. 2 spot in PC shipments for the first quarter of 2016, becoming the second-most popular PC platform in the U.S. behind Microsoft's Windows, according to research firm IDC.



The news was shared by Google CEO Sundar Pichai. "Big news for Chromebooks: Android apps coming soon. And now #2 in the US!" he tweeted recently to his 474,000 followers.

The company also laid out plans to improve its Chrome OS line of computers, announcing at its Google I/O developer conference that Android apps will be coming to the platform.

As cloud-based computing continues to grow, Google's low-cost Chromebooks have found increasing traction. Unlike Windows or Mac OS X, Google's Chrome OS operating system is largely just a Chrome web browser. Most Chromebooks have less than 32GB of storage space and use processors that are not as powerful as the ones found on a \$500 Windows laptop or Apple's cheapest MacBook Air.

But the lean requirements allow Chromebooks to be faster and cheaper than comparative PCs, with the laptops often starting under \$300 and large number of popular models available for under \$200. The combination of performance and price has made Chromebooks particularly attractive to the education market, where Google continues to gain momentum.

## How to Supplement Shortcuts to Your Windows 10 Start Menu

If we don't wish to disaster around with tiles in a Windows 10 Start menu, we can simply go behind to shortcuts. By following these steps, you'll feel only like you're regulating progressing versions of Windows again.

1. Open a Start menu
2. Click "settings"
3. Click "personalization"
4. Click "Start"
5. Click "Choose that folders appear on Start"
6. Toggle folders we want to see

Now when we open your start menu, your shortcuts are right where we wish them!

## Useful Website

[CreditCards.com](http://CreditCards.com) is a credit card comparison and information website. The site lets consumers compare credit cards by category or by issuer, and refers consumers to their selected card's issuers, where they apply for a card.

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## Computer Humor



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