



# Protect yourself against scammers posing as **PUBLISHERS CLEARING HOUSE**

Publishers Clearing House (PCH) is a legitimate sweepstakes, but there are many scams that use the PCH name and logo to take your money. Are you a lucky winner, or are you being scammed? Follow these tips to be sure.

## **Make Sure It's Really PCH**

Contact PCH customer service directly at 1-800-459-4724 to confirm you've won. Scammers will give you a phone number that comes back to them for "verification."

## **As Seen on TV**

The PCH Prize Patrol comes in person to the door of major winners with balloons and roses! You may be contacted by mail, but PCH **never** calls in advance. If you receive a call from someone claiming to be from Publishers Clearing House — **just hang up!** You haven't heard from the real PCH.

## **Know the Official Rules**

Check the rules prior to entering. Identity and eligibility must be verified often via affidavit. Winners must claim their prize within a specified period of time, or the prize can be awarded to another contestant.

## **Safeguard Your Personal Information**

PCH will only ask for information to verify your eligibility and to notify you if you are a winner: date of birth, name, address, and email. No other information is needed.

## **Winning is Always Free!**

You **never** have to pay to claim a prize from PCH or any other legitimate sweepstakes.



### **Call PCH**

If you receive any communication ostensibly from PCH that you believe is a scam, please notify them at **1-800-392-4190**.



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