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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