



## LIVE SHOW SCHEDULE

All show times are in Eastern Standard Time  
Show times may vary depending on the host's sobriety levels

**Sunday @ 8:00pm:** Madhouse Live with Carlito  
**Monday @ 2:00pm:** Party Time with Laugh Track Matt & Zax  
**Tuesday @ 8:00pm:** The Purge with JagTV  
**Tuesday @ 10:00pm:** Mop Riding with Dwight  
**Wednesday @ 11:00pm:** Neon Nites with Neon  
**Thursday @ 12:00 pm:** The Snow Plow Show with RBCP  
**Thursday @ 10:00pm:** SCIENCE! with Sloth  
**Friday @ 10:00pm:** The Art of Phone Larking with JIAD  
**Saturday @ 10:00pm:** Blog Talk Tonight with Dwight

There are many other shows on the PCN network that don't have scheduled times. They just go on whenever they want because they don't conform to society's rules, man. Listen all day, every day, on [www.prankcallnation.com/listen](http://www.prankcallnation.com/listen) just to make sure you never miss anything.

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Prank Call Nation is a non-profit community, dedicated to entertaining the masses with immature prank calls. Join us every single evening for live prank calls, where listeners are always a part of the show.

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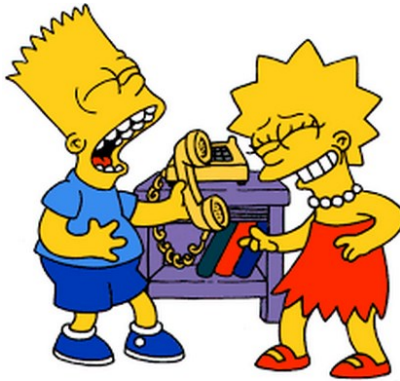
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Plus a live show schedule, lunk alarm editorial, and secret messages between all the lines written in UV ink! Decode them for fun prizes!

# PRANK WORLD UPDATE

by Arbie

It's been a fun few months since the last issue and a lot of crazy things have happened on the Prank Call Nation stream. The most memorable events for everyone has probably been the lunk alarm pranks. What is a lunk alarm, you ask? Planet Fitness came up with a brilliant way to publically shame their customers whenever they did something "lunk" worthy, such as grunting too loud when you run on the treadmill, setting the weights down too hard, using your cell phone, or bringing too much water with you.



Planet Fitness thinks these offenses are so bad that they should make fun of you for them in front of the other customers by **sounding an air raid siren** with a flashing blue light labeled LUNK ALARM on their wall. Seriously, every Planet Fitness location in the U.S. does this to their customers, basically the equivalent pointing and laughing at them while calling them a name.

Carlito discovered how easy it was to trick employees into sounding the lunk alarm by impersonating the Planet Fitness corporate office and telling them that they needed to run a test. Normally the employees only sound the alarm for a few seconds to shame their customers, but Carlito forced them to keep it running for several minutes at a time. This is a very loud air raid siren. Imagine trying to do your daily workout with an active air raid siren in the same room as you. Customers were not happy and some of them came up to the counter to complain, only to be told that they weren't allowed to turn it off until corporate said they could.

And then the games began. Pretty much every show on the PCN network began doing identical pranks, seeing how long they could keep the alarm sounding for. Some would get the employee to put a customer on for a survey, who had to yell because the alarm was so loud. Some locations kept their alarm going for nearly 15 minutes before figuring out they'd been pranked, only because a customer told them about the vulgar survey questions and foul language of the fake corporate office.

Everyone has more or less stopped bothering Planet Fitness now, not because of the memos they've sent to all of their locations,



## NEW TV SHOWS ABOUT PRANK CALLS

By SENSEI DOUG

After over a year of false promises and broken dreams, KDK has finally gotten around to releasing the very first episode of his new show, known as Telephone Falls. For those unfamiliar, Telephone Falls is a half-hour animated series featuring prank calls by different comedians in each episode. Episode #1 features brand new calls by Petty Pranks, Carlito, Liz Darwin and RBCP. It also features music by Bonecage, Rappy McRapperson, and TAS 1000.

KDK says that a second episode is already being produced and should be released before the year is over. "I'm shooting for a 6 episode season. I don't know if I'll be able to accomplish that this year, but I'll sure try my darndest," KDK said recently on his weekly show called Yam Bags Live. Telephone Falls can be watched on YouTube at [www.youtube.com/telephonefalls](http://www.youtube.com/telephonefalls)

As if one prank call related show wasn't enough, it looks like we might have another one to watch before the year is up. Jiad and Arbie are hard at work on their Calls of Mass Confusion series. Their show will feature live footage of people receiving prank phone calls in public places. We've only seen snippets of their show on YouTube so far, but it looks like it's shaping up to be another interesting and original show. Okay, now quit looking at me.

# Is Prank Calling Dead?

by Laugh Track Zax

Yeah, I know...what an incredibly stupid question. I mean, you're reading this in a zine about prank calls, filled with the latest news about prank call shows that we all know and love. Yet blogs and news sites love to report that prank calls are a thing of the distant past, something that died out right around the same time cassette tapes did. Not a month goes by that my automatic Google search doesn't email me another article on the subject.

Their favorite way of convincing readers that prank calls are dead is to point out that Caller ID has made prank calls obsolete for the past 20 years. They never seem to understand that spoofing a fake number to someone's caller ID box has been trivial for most of those years.



They tell us how The Jerky Boys were the last guys to do it and how ever since 9/11, prank calling has become a dangerous hobby. Almost every article on the subject makes references to refrigerators running and Prince Albert in a can as they reminisce about prank calling in their younger years. A simple internet search would find dozens of



current prank call shows with thousands of live listeners.

So, of course, I always prank call the authors of these articles. I look them up on [whitepages.com](http://whitepages.com) or I call them at work, always attempting to make them fall for the most ridiculous prank ever. After awhile, I let them in on the joke and I always ask them to admit that prank calling isn't dead. Most of them just hang up on me, completely unable to accept that fact that as long as phones exist, so will prank phone calling.

but because it's just getting old at this point. And it's probably best to just stop before they decide to *make* us stop. It's been a good time, though, so thanks, Planet Fitness, for coming up with the dumbest idea ever.

JIAD from The Art of Phone Larking has been keeping it fresh as always, coming up with the most unusual Craigslist schemes known to mankind. If he's not placing ads for human cyborg trials or fully robotic Neilson systems in homes, he's tricking callers into teaching his son about the birds and the bees or organizing an impromptu game show with unwitting caller contestants.

Things have also been interesting for me in the world of The Snow Plow Show. I took the old fashioned route of calling people out of a phone book and telling them I'm from the post office and that their new mail carrier is in a wheelchair and they need to install a wheelchair ramp onto the front of their house to comply with the disabilities act. Lots of hilarity ensued with that one and I got to accuse people of hating cripples when they refused to comply.

Another recent night of calls during a live show involved calling people in a rich neighborhood and telling them I was with their alarm company and that our sensors show that nobody is currently breaking into their homes. It turns out that people don't like being given peace of mind after midnight. I told one guy that one of his alarm sensors was broken and that he needed to go to Radio Shack and buy a 300 Ohm resistor and a soldering iron and then I could walk him through the steps of fixing it.

Other residents in that neighborhood were told that I fell off their roof earlier. When they asked what I was doing on their roof, I would either tell them parkor or that it was none of their business, but I'd be suing them for not having a railing along their roof to prevent people from falling off it. And yet even more residents in rich neighborhoods thought I was calling from the homeowners association and were surprised to be accused of petty infractions, such as having the wrong shade of siding or stupid looking mailboxes.

It's been especially fun being a part of the largest prank call network in the world these past few months, and if you're not joining in the fun in the chat room to help the shows along or at least listening to the shows, then you're really missing out on some great times.

Join me, Carlito, Dwight, Sloth, JagTV, Neonlikebjork, Laugh Track Matt, Zax, Mistress Morgan, KDK, Llama, Trainwreck, Gilmour, Brent Westwood, Baz, and all the other hosts and guests on [PrankCallNation.com](http://PrankCallNation.com) for hours of free entertainment every single night of the week.



# The Rules of Prank Calling

It's been nearly two years since we posted a condensed version of the basic rules for prank calling, so it's about time we do it again, just to help keep new pranksters from getting arrested or killed.

All of these rules revolve around trying to keep the authorities uninterested in your prank calls, which is good for everyone. Getting the police involved in your pranks is not only a threat to your own freedom, but it also ties up emergency services. Listeners of Prank Call Nation know that there are plenty of ways to have fun with prank calls that don't involve the police, so follow these rules for a long, illustrious, jail-free career in prank calling.

1. **Don't prank locally.** The easiest way to get yourself in trouble is to make calls in your own city. When you make local calls, it's easy for your victim to work with the local police and the local phone company to track you down, even when you're calling through Skype. So just don't do it, ever. Phone calls cost pretty much the same everywhere, so stick to calling other states or countries.
2. **Never call a person more than once.** Don't keep calling the same guy over and over, no matter how much he makes you laugh when he screams at you. When you repeatedly call someone, you're suddenly *harassing* them instead of making a simple funny prank phone call to them. Try to keep it to a single phone call, and then stop forever and move on to someone else. This will help keep the police completely uninterested in you.
3. **Don't make threats.** Why? Because making threats, even when you don't mean it, is a crime. Even when they threaten you first. Don't threaten to kill anyone. Don't threaten to slap anyone. Don't threaten to blow up cars and houses. Don't call Wal-Mart and give them the "secret" bomb threat code. Don't even say something that could be mistaken for a threat, because people love to bother the police over every little thing they can.
4. **Don't impersonate the police.** You can't pretend to be a police officer or an FBI agent over the phone. Not only is this illegal, but once your victim becomes suspicious of your call or realizes it's a prank, they call the cops. Cops really seem to hate it when ordinary citizens pretend to be cops.

5. **Don't involve emergency services.** As hilarious as you think it will be, don't send the police or fire department to someone's house and don't make prank calls to 911 or to police stations. Don't do anything that would cause a prank victim to call the police or fire department either, such as making threats or telling them there's a gas leak. Don't trick SWAT teams into showing up at a person's house. This should all be common sense, but we always hear about these things happening in the news. Prank calls should be *fun*, not felonies!
6. **Don't call emergency hotlines.** Suicide hotlines are off limits. Come on, do you really want to tie up the lines at a place that tries to keep people from killing themselves? Never mess with any hotline that are designed to help people.
7. **Don't cause damage.** People are gullible and many of them will do anything you tell them to if you sound authoritative enough. Knowing this helps you make hilariously epic prank calls, but you should never exploit this ability to cause another person to damage property or hurt people. It's easy to get someone to stick their phone in a microwave or flood their business, but not only will things like this get you arrested, but it also makes you kind of a huge asshole. It's fun to exploit the stupidity of humans, but you should stick to making them do things that are hilarious, rather than things that are harmful or destructive.
8. **Don't steal personal data.** It's easy to trick people out of their personal information, but you should be careful when doing this because once they find out that you're not who you say you are, their imagination will run wild and they usually assume the worst and think that you're an identity thief. This, of course, results in calls to the police.

Basically you want to avoid the police at all costs. Your prank call victims will often overreact and call the police even when you're not breaking any rules. When you think this is likely to happen, it's probably best to let them know that they've been pranked, just to help them settle down and realize that it's nothing to get so worked up about.

Explain to them that you're not really who you say you are and that you're simply a prank caller who chose them at random and that their calls to the police will be pointless since you're on the other side of the country. Apologize, laugh at them, and move on.