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Unsolicited phone calls are a bother, but spyware programs are a direct and specific invasion of one's privacy. These must be stopped immediately. If it is illegal for anyone, including federal and local police units (without a specific court order/approval) to plant a bug on your phone it certainly should be illegal to do the same thing on the internet).

Agreed that there are some programs that people install that are designed to trace movements for specific reasons, but even these MUST detail exactly how this will be accomplished AND inform the user, in advance, in clear uncertain terms the specifics of what information will be collected.

This area is even more important than SPAM and unsolicited phone calls.

Another area that needs to be adressed is Pop-ups & Pop-unders that are as big a hassle as unsolicited phone calls.

Please take the time to address these and include them in any proposed legislation.

Thank you, James Wahler VA