

# **How To Scambait Like A Pro | The Complete Beginners Guide On Scambaiting BY KALAB TEMPLEMAN**

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## **What is “scambaiting”?**

Scambaiting (or scam baiting) is a form of Internet vigilantism primarily used to waste the time and resources of scammers, gather information useful to authorities, and publicly expose scammers. They may document scammers’ tools and methods, warn potential victims, provide discussion forums, disrupt scammers’ devices and systems using remote access Trojans and computer viruses, or take down fraudulent web pages. Some dumbwaiters are motivated by racism, others act out of a sense of civic duty, some simply engage for their own amusement, or some combination of all three. (Note: scambaiting is legal, more info on that soon!)

*Ever since we started our scambaiting series on YouTube, i’ve gotten a few questions on exactly how to scambait, where to get numbers, is it legal, and some general tips and tricks, This post will tell you all about it!*



**Here’s a basic guide to scambaiting.**

## **Requirements:**

Here is a few things you need to get started

– A way to call them (BobRTC , TextNow, Google Voice) etc – don’t use real number.

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- A voice changer (optional, just to troll scammers or fake your voice)
- A program that runs VMs (Virtual Machines) such as VirtualBox and VMWare

Once you have these requirements, follow these steps:

1. Login to BobRTC, TextNow, Google Voice \*whatever one you used)
2. Find a toll-free Tech Support Scammer's phone number. You can find these numbers on websites such as scammer.info or BobRTC's phone book.
3. Depending on the scammer you're calling, you might need a VM,
4. Once your VM just started up, call the scammer using one of the programs ^
5. Give the scammer some information (Pop-up message etc.)
6. If they're asking for your First Name and Last Name or something like that, you must tell your false Full Name. (Or else they will get some of your personal information)
7. Give the scammer remote access to your computer. (If they tell you to do it)
8. Listen to the scammer. This is very important. Don't call them out at the beginning, remember, you are there to waste their time.
9. If you have a voice changer, then you can use it to fake your voice or troll. (Optional)

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**Do's:**

- Have the evidence of a VM hidden.
- Always use a VM to scambait. (important)
- Always fake your data. (such as your name, age etc.)

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– Always fake your credit card info. If the scammer realizes that it's fake credit card info, you will have slight problems. (You can always use a Credit Card Generator or a fake credit card that sometimes works)

#### **Dont's:**

- As always, do not provide your real personal info. (As the Do's say)
- Do not use a real machine. (Because they will like syskey your Real Machine)
- Don't use your real phone numbers to scambait
- Do not attempt to 'scam' them, in the case of getting money from them
- Don't act like you know everything, act venerable.
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#### **More Tips**

We get a lot of questions about scam-baiting, and one of the popular questions "is scam-baiting illegal or legal?" Now, i am not a lawyer, and cannot provide legal advice, but generally speaking, scam-baiting is NOT ILLEGAL, As you yourself are doing nothing illegal, as you are just spreading awareness and wasting their time (this isn't illegal). BUT, if it could be come illegal if you go general illegal activities such as, hacking into their systems, asking them for money, threatening them etc, those general activites, if you're not doing that, you will be fine! ([Click here](#) to read further)

#### **Recording/Publishing calls**

Depending on local laws, you may need to get permission to record conversations, for example, we always let the "scammers" know we are recording, and tend to tell them they'll be on youtube (with them mostly acknowledging this with cussing, etc) however for research/awareness purpose, this may not be needed, but it is good to let them know anyway to cover yourself.

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