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As of January 5, 2002 a new "overlay" area code, 224, takes effect within the area code 847 region. Both 847 and 224 will serve the same geographic area.

Existing area code 847 telephone numbers will not change, and the new area code and 11-digit dialing will not affect calling rates or local calling areas.

However, beginning January 5, you must dial 11 digits (1 + area code + 7-digit phone number) to complete any off-campus call, including local calls in the 847 area code. This is due to a Federal Communications Commission requirement relating to overlay area codes.

On-campus and inter-campus dialing at Northwestern will not change. When making calls between NU campus telephones, dial only the last five digits of the phone number as you do now.

Please note that you will need to reprogram any equipment that stores or dials telephone numbers so that it is set up for 11-digit dialing. Some examples:

--Modems
--Alarm systems for offices or laboratory equipment
--Fax machines
--Pagers
--Telephones with speed dialing or call forwarding features

If you have questions about the 224 area code, please call the NU Information Technology Help Line (847-491-HELP), email it- feedback@northwestern.edu, or visit http://www.it.northwestern.edu/areacode224.html.

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