



MEDICAL BOARD OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Bogus Doctor Hoax Telephone Calls

The Board has received a number of reports about a man who identifies himself as being “from the Medical Board of Western Australia” or the “Australian Medical Board”, using names such as Dr Johansson, Dr Kwan and Dr Armstrong. This person telephones members of the public, says he is conducting a survey for the Board, and then proceeds to ask a series of intimate personal questions.

The Medical Board of Western Australia does not undertake telephone surveys. This person has no connection with the Board and the matter has been reported to the police.

If you receive such a call it is recommended that you replace the handset without speaking. Generally, when answering the phone do not give your name or number. If you have an answering machine, do not record your name or number on it.

If the calls persist you may be able to change your number, have the operator intercept your calls, or in extreme cases, have the calls traced. In these circumstances the Board suggests that you contact the police in your local area or call Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000.

It is an offence for a person to use the telecommunications service to offend another person, under the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cmwth), Section 474.17(1).

For further information, please contact the Medical Board of Western Australia on (08) 6380 3500.