Call Cheater Lite Cheats on You

mobilesecurity.com [London, UK] Just when you thought the bad guys were only after the contact details of your friends and family, your home address and social media passwords, Symantec has discovered an application that may be looking to cost you some serious money.

Call Cheater Lite, if installed, may result in victims having to contend with unwanted SMS charges. The idea behind the app is fairly straightforward – and popular – it's designed to allow users to screen and block unwanted phone calls by playing a sound or pre-recorded message to an offensive or unwanted caller. According to the app description, the app can be configured to play a pre-recorded message or sound that might make the caller believe the phone has been disconnected or is out of service.

Great idea, until you discover what else the app does. It collects information about the device including IMEI, MEID and ESN numbers, the actual phone number and locally-configured email address.

To top this off, the app is designed to ask for feedback from the user, and then creates an SMS message is queued for sending to a number in India.

Read more about this app, detected by Symantec as Android.Iconosys, on the Security Response blog.

Fortunately the app has now been removed from Google Play due to the violation of its terms of service agreement, but apps with the same name and description have been spotted on third-party Android app markets, so please use caution when downloading apps with the name of "Call Cheater Lite" from any app store. If you're ever in doubt, check the AppView section on this site for details on over 200,000 apps across numerous app stores.