

# CELL PHONE INFORMATION

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After your arrival in Washington, DC, acquiring a cell phone and service plan will be one of many things to take care of. Washington, DC has several providers of cell phones and phone services. Georgetown does not endorse any particular company, but offers the information below.

### Cell phones

- The largest companies are: Verizon, T-mobile, AT&T, and Sprint. T-mobile and AT&T sell phones that can use a SIM card.
- Verizon is the only provider that receives a signal in the Metro without additional charge. Sprint also allows Metro reception for an additional fee.
- When visiting a company's store to open an account or start a plan, **don't forget to take a picture ID (passport, student visa, etc.).**

### Service Options

#### *Monthly commitment – one or a two year plan*

- Social security number required (some companies waive SSN with deposit)
- Deposit possible (usually ranges from \$150 - \$500)
- If you cancel the phone before the term of the contract you may be subject to penalties

#### *Pre-paid phone*

- No social security number
- No yearly commitment
- No credit check (for most Verizon, T-mobile, and AT&T pre-paid programs)

### More information about different providers

Please visit [www.verizonwireless.com](http://www.verizonwireless.com), [www.tmobile.com](http://www.tmobile.com), [www.wireless.att.com](http://www.wireless.att.com), and [www.sprint.com](http://www.sprint.com) for more information about long-term and prepaid plans. You will want to compare plans and options beforehand. Below are brief descriptions of some of the services Verizon, T-mobile, AT&T, and Sprint currently provide. (Note: this information is subject to change, check the website or visit a store for more details.) Visit a store or go online to receive the most up-to-date information.

### Verizon

#### *Monthly commitment plans*

- Nationwide individual talk only plans range from \$39.99 - \$69.99/month
- Nationwide individual talk and text plans range from \$59.99 - \$89.99/month

#### *Pre-paid phone plans*

- Pre-paid Basic (a flat rate for all voice calls)
- Daily plans, starting at \$0.99 a day

Verizon has a number of stores near the Law Center. The closest location is 1314 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20004.

## **T-mobile**

### *Monthly commitment plans*

- Individual talk only plans, \$39.99 - \$59.99/month
- Individual talk and text plans, \$49.99 - \$59.99/month
- Individual talk, text, and data plans, \$59.99 - \$119.99/month

### *Pre-paid phone plans*

- \$15/month, \$50/month plans
- Pay as You Go
- Pay by the Day (\$1 a day for each day used, unlimited calling to other T-mobile customers)
- Sidekick Prepaid

T-mobile has several stores in the DC area. The location closest to Georgetown Law's campus is located at 555 11th Street NW, Suite C, Washington, DC 20004.

## **AT&T**

### *Monthly commitment plans*

- Individual (talk only) nation plans, \$39.99 - \$69.99/month

### *Pre-paid phone plans*

- \$2 Unlimited Daily Text and Talk
- \$60 Unlimited Talk and Text
- \$75 Unlimited Talk and Text + 200 MB Data

For more information, visit the AT&T store at 785 7th Street NW, Washington, DC 20001.

## **Sprint**

### *Monthly commitment plans*

- Basic (talk only), \$29.99/month
- Talk (talk only), \$39.99 - \$59.99/month
- Everything messaging (talk and text), \$49.99 - \$69.99/month
- Everything data (talk, text, data), \$69.99 - \$89.99/month
- Simply everything (talk, text, data unlimited), \$99.99/month

### *Pre-paid phone plans*

- Sprint offers pre-paid phone plans through Boost Mobile and Virgin Mobile USA

Sprint's store closest to the Law Center is located at 609 14th Street NW, Westory Building, Washington, DC 20005.