YOUR RIGHTS AS A **WIRELESS CONSUMER**



THE WIRELESS CODE ESTABLISHES BASIC RIGHTS FOR ALL WIRELESS CONSUMERS.

This checklist will help you understand, in general, how the Code works for you. For more information, visit the CRTC's website at crtc.gc.ca/wirelesscode. Many of these rights apply now and more rights will apply as of December 1, 2017.

DO YOU PAY A BILL **AFTER** YOU USE YOUR WIRELESS SERVICE? IF SO, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT:

- to cancel your contract at no cost after a maximum of two years
- to be the only person to consent to additional charges on a shared or family plan, unless you authorize another user to do so
- □ to limit your data overage charges to \$50 a month and your data roaming charges to \$100 a month for your entire account, regardless of the number of devices or users associated with the account
- \square to refuse a change to the key terms and conditions of your contract, including the voice, text and data services in your contract, the price for those services, and the duration of your contract
- □ to have your service suspended at no cost if your phone is lost or stolen
- □ to receive a Critical Information Summary, which explains your contract in under two pages
- to receive a notification when you are roaming in a different country, telling you what the rates are for voice services, text messages, and data usage
- to a contract that uses plain language and clearly describes the services you will receive, and includes information on when and why you may be charged extra

STARTING ON **DECEMBER 1, 2017**, YOU WILL ALSO HAVE THE RIGHT:

- \square to have your phone unlocked by your service provider immediately upon request, at no charge, and newly purchased phones from your service provider must be provided to you unlocked
- □ to cancel your contract and return your phone at no cost, within 15 calendar days and if you have not used more than half of the usage specified in your monthly plan limits, if you are unhappy with your service

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- to a minimum grace period of seven calendar days in order to "top up" and retain your prepaid balance
- $\ \square$ to a contract that uses plain language, and clearly describes the conditions that apply to your prepaid balance and how you can check your balance

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ARE YOU A PERSON WITH A **DISABILITY**?

If so, you have the right to a copy of your contract, privacy policy, fair use policy, and Critical Information Summary in an alternative format at no charge and to a longer (30 calendar day) trial period to ensure that the service and phone meet your needs.

HAVE A **COMPLAINT** ABOUT YOUR WIRELESS SERVICE?

First, try to resolve the issue with your service provider. If you are still unsatisfied, contact the Commissioner for Complaints for Telecommunications Services Inc.:

P.O. Box 56067 Minto Place RO, Ottawa, ON K1R 7Z1

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