

Phones & Call Handling

Instruction in this article is intended to be non-phone specific. Therefore it speaks of functions rather than buttons and soft-keys, and it will avoid detailed reference to specific phone's display elements. This article's purpose is to give you direction on how to perform certain general phone operations without referring to the specifics of individual phone interfaces.

Call Handling:

Placing a Call

You can place a call using your phone over the handset, speakerphone, or headset.

- To make a call using handset simply pick up the handset and dial the number. You may also be able to dial first, then pick up the handset.
- To make a call using the speaker phone - with the handset on hook, then press the speakerphone function. Once you have dial tone, you can then dial the number.
- To make a call using a headset - press the *New Call* function. Once you have dial tone, you can then dial the number.
- During a call, you can alternate between Speakerphone, Headset, or Handset modes by pressing the appropriate functions, or picking up the handset.

The name of the called party is displayed in the active window on the call screen.

The call duration of active calls is also visible on the call screen.

Answering a Call

- When not in another call**, answering a call is as simple as picking up the handset, or pressing the *Speakerphone* function if you wish to communicate via speaker phone, or pressing the *Answer Call* function if you wish to communicate via headset.
- When in another call**, and a call comes in it will likely be indicated by a call waiting tone and a flashing signal on the incoming call's corresponding line key. There should also be incoming call information in your phone's screen.
 - Press the *Hold* function
 - Find the incoming call's corresponding line key function and press it.
 - Or select the call via the phone's screen interface and press the *Answer Call* function.

To reject an incoming call, press the *Silence* or *Reject* function.

Ending a Call

Do one of the following:

- If you are using the handset, press the *End Call* function or replace the handset.
- If you are using a headset, press the *Headset* function
- If you are using the speakerphone, press the *Speakerphone* function
- Press the line key associated with the call (if this behavior has been configured by your system administrator)

Redial

To redial the last placed call from your phone press the *Redial* function.

Hold

During a call press the *Hold* function to place the call on hold.

To retrieve the call press the *Hold* or *Resume* function.

If multiple calls are on hold select the call you wish to retrieve by navigating the Phone's screen or by selecting the corresponding call's line key function and pressing the *Hold* or *Resume* function

Forwarding a Call

Call Forwarding is the phone's ability to direct a call to another party. It comes in two flavors. This feature is typically local to the phone, and may be overridden by call server settings. For more information, contact your system administrator.

1. **Static Forwarding** - You can configure your phone to forward all incoming calls.
 - Select the *Forward* function
 - If multiple lines are configured for your phone, select or enter the line you wish to have calls forwarded from.
 - Select the forwarding type:
 - **Always** - All incoming calls will be forwarded.
 - **No Answer** - Only unanswered calls will be forwarded.
 - **Busy** - Forward calls that come in while you are in another call.
 - Enter a number for where to forwards calls. If you selected No Answer, then you may also be prompted to enter the number of rings to allow before the call gets forwarded.
2. **Dynamic Forwarding** - You can forward calls as your phone is ringing.
 - When the phone rings, press the *Forward* function.
 - Enter a number for where to forward the incoming call.
 - Press the *Enable* function

Transferring Calls:

Transferring a call can be done in one of three ways:

1. **Consultative transfer** - The party to whom you want to transfer the call answers their phone before you transfer the call or hang up. You can consult with them before completing the transfer.
 - During a call, press the *Transfer* function of your phone.
 - Dial the number to which you wish to transfer the call.
 - Once you hear the ringback sound or any time after the party answers, press the *Transfer* function to complete the transfer. You may talk privately with the party to which you are transferring the call prior to completing transfer.
 - You may cancel the transfer at any time before the call connects by accessing your phone's *Cancel* function.
2. **Blind transfer** - The call is automatically transferred after you dial the number of the party to whom you want to transfer the call.
 - During a call, press the *Transfer* function of your phone.
 - Press the *Blind* function of your phone.
 - Dial the number to which you wish to transfer the call. From this point the call will be connected to the party to which you are transferring.
3. **Attended transfer** - The parties are automatically connected to each other after you exit the conference.
 - Set up a conference call and then end your participation. For more information, see **How To Conference** below

How to create a Conference Call:

You can create a conference with other parties using the phone's conference function. You can create a conference at any time between an active call and a call on hold (on the same or another line). While in a conference, your phone's display will be populated with Conference related and functions.

Setting up a Conference:

- Call the first party
- Press the *Conference* function of your phone
 - The active call is placed on hold
- Call a second party
- When this party answers press the *Conference* function to add them to the conference.
- Repeat the following per person you wish to add to the conference.
 1. Press the *Conference* function to add another party.
 - All members in conference will be placed on hold.
 2. Dial the next party member.
 3. Press *Conference* function again to add them to the conference.

Conference Management

Conference management is a capability granted to the person setting up the conference. With conference management you can view all parties in a conference call; you can also add, hold, remove, and mute specific conference participants. These functions are only available on certain phones.

To manage a conference you will simply press the *Manage Conference* function of your phone. Your phone display will populate with Conference Management related elements and functions.

- **Add** function - use the *Add* function to add members to the conference. Once the add function is accessed, adding members to the conference is the same as described above in **Setting Up A Conference**. Note: The *Add* will only be available if you can add members to the conference. Your system administrator determines the maximum allowed participants in a conference.
 - Dial the party member
 - Once the party answers, press the *Conference function*.
 - Repeat for each person you wish to add to the conference.
- **Mute** function - a muted party member can hear all parties in the conference, and no party can hear the muted party.
 - To mute a party, select the party and press the *Mute* function.
 - To unmute a party, select the party and press the *unmute* function.
- **Hold** function - A party member on *Hold* cannot hear the conference, nor can any parties in the conference hear them.
 - To put a party on Hold, select the party and press the *Hold* function.
 - To return the party to the conference, select the party and press the *Resume* function.
- **Remove** function - Use the *Remove* function to remove a party from the conference.