



# NEWS RELEASE

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### 10 Digits will be Required for Calls to 951 Area Code Starting Oct. 24

**MENIFEE, CA**— Starting October 24, 2021, calls to the 951-area code will require dialing 1 + the area code and phone number.

The change to 10-digit dialing for local calls was ordered by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) as preparation for a move to designate 988 as the national three-digit suicide and mental health crisis hotline. The dialing shortcut takes effect nationwide on July 16, 2022.

Beginning October 24, 2021, local calls dialed with only seven digits will reach a recording that the call cannot be completed as dialed. Callers must hang up and dial again using 1 + area code + telephone number.

Equipment programmed to complete seven-digit local calls such as fax machines, dial-up internet numbers, voicemail and security gates, will need to be reprogrammed to complete calls to 10-digit numbers.

There are 82 area codes nationwide affected by the 10-digit dialing rule. In California, they include the 209, 530, 562, 626, 650, 707, 925, 949 and 951 area codes.

During the transition to 988, people who need help should continue to contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline by calling 1-800-273-8255 (1-800-273-TALK) and through [online chats](#). Veterans and Service members may reach the [Veterans Crisis Line](#) by pressing 1 after dialing, chatting online at [www.veteranscrisisline.net](http://www.veteranscrisisline.net), or texting 838255.

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**ABOUT MENIFEE:** *Situated in the heart of southern Riverside County along Interstate 215, Menifee is a vibrant, new city of more than 100,000 residents who enjoy a pleasant year-round climate, abundant recreational offerings, reasonably priced housing, and convenient proximity to some of Southern California's premiere attractions and employment centers. Within its 50 square miles, Menifee's business, retail, and entertainment outlets are starting to shape the community's character and this growing economic base is also contributing favorably to the city's strong financial position. Menifee's growing family-oriented population values the city's ongoing commitment to public safety, community events, and smart growth for the future. All of these elements are working together to support the city's strategic vision to make Menifee one of the state's most promising new cities.*