

Lost hiker ignored calls from rescuers, assumed they were spam

Vocabulary

to assume

companions

to attempt

a scammer

Article

A Colorado search and rescue team said a hiker lost on a mountain trail for about 24 hours didn't answer phone calls from the team because they assumed the calls were spam.

Lake County Search and Rescue said a report came in Oct. 18 about a hiker who had set out for a walk on Mount Elbert at 9 a.m. and hadn't returned to their companions by 8 p.m.

A rescue team searched the area until 3 a.m. The team attempted to call the missing person's cell phone multiple times, but didn't receive an answer.

The agency received word about 9:30 a.m. that the hiker had located their car and returned to the place where they had been staying.

The hiker told officials they hadn't answered the phone calls because they assumed they were being called by telemarketers or scammers.

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Quiz

1. Why did the rescue team start searching for the hiker?
2. If the hiker didn't answer the phone, how were they found?

Conversation

A: I'm so sick of these phone calls! How did they even get my number?

B: I've no idea. Maybe they just try random numbers until someone answers?

A: Well, I'm not answering. I need to save the battery as long as possible.

B: Good thinking. Save it for something important, like calling Search and Rescue.

Discussion

1. Have you ever been lost? If so, what did you do?
2. Have you ever been hiking? Tell me about it.
3. Do you use satellite navigation? When and why do you use it?