

Why Doesn't She Answer Her Phone?

You're out on your daily errands and you get the name and phone number of a sharp woman you offered a Mary Kay facial to. Yeah!! Hopefully, you're doing this each time you're out and about—it's how we infuse our business with new and exciting women that we wouldn't otherwise have had the chance to know!

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You phone her that night, no answer. You try her again the next day, no answer again. This time, if you're smart, you leave a cheerful message with your name, where you met her, and the fact that you're calling her like you promised you would do to setup a good time to get together with her for her complimentary Mary Kay pampering appointment. She doesn't call you back (many won't). So, you start her phone number into the cycle of people you can't get a hold of and try her number every time you sit down to do Mary Kay phone work. Two weeks goes by (or two months) and you've dialed her number 25 times—morning, afternoon, night and weekends. Never an answer.

Now, most likely you're wondering, "Does she screen all her calls through caller ID and she's thinking I'm a maniac for calling her 25 times? Is it possible that, in fact, she's rarely home and I've just had bad luck trying to reach her? Has she decided she doesn't want a facial after all, so I should throw away her number – or should I stick with it until I get a hold of her because maybe she is destined to be an awesome customer or even a recruit?"

Any of the above could be true! So here's a great way to short-circuit this situation, reduce your times and frustration following up with no-answer warm-chatter leads.

After about 4-5 days, when you've tried reaching the prospect at several different times of the day and have left one message, leave another message and say the following:

"Hello, ____! This is ____ with Mary Kay Cosmetics calling back—I'm really disappointed that I haven't been able to reach you since we met last ____!"

It occurred to me that perhaps you've changed your mind and would prefer not to get together for a complimentary Mary Kay pampering session—if so, just give me a quick call back to me and let me know it's not for you right now. That way I won't keep trying to phone you.

However, I realize that most likely you're just super busy (which is the MAIN reason to schedule a rejuvenating facial and makeover with me!) and my previous calls have simply caught you away from the phone. In that case, just give me a quick call to let me know you still want to be pampered!

Again, my name is ____ and my phone number (which is on the card I gave you) is ____.

(Name), your ____ (cheerful attitude, happy smile, sharp-looking appearance, etc—whatever was the case) told me that you're someone I'd like to treat to the Mary Kay experience, so give me a quick call and hopefully we'll talk soon! By the way, I will likely try you back until we connect!"

I have found that (assuming you select warm, courteous women to warm-chatter) most women will respond to this. The ones blowing you off will be reminded that you're a real person (not a computerized calling machine) and will (now that you've given permission) let you know if they'd prefer to forget it for now. But my most frequent experience is that they will call, apologize for being so hard to reach (usually, they get MY message service!) and tell me to persist in calling back! I've had several that have taken up to 3 months to actually talk to me without machines in the middle—but they had called to at least let me know they still were interested in the facial. And, they were ultimately HUGE selling appointments and are now a happy part of my customer base.

BE BOLD! Be direct! Women will respond with respect!