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iPhone Unlocking Dangerous

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Summary:

iPhone Unlocking can be quite hazardous for your precious iPhone. Beware and make sure you know what you are doing before you decide to unlock.

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Since Apple released its latest gadget, the Apple iPhone, over 5 million units have been sold. Apple expects to sell at least another 12 million units in 2008 worldwide. Apple keeps improving their gadget, and rumors are that they will soon release a 3G version iPhone for the European market. Which will probably increase its popularity even more.

Apple estimates that around 20% of the iPhones that are being sold are being unlocked. Which means breaking it free from network restrictions, so you can use any SIM card and any provider in your iPhone. Benefits of unlocking are clear: You can make cheaper calls, use local SIM cards when you travel and you're not bound to any contract to be able to use the iPhone.

Peter Smit told us that there are many unlocking solutions available online and offline. One solution is even better than the other when you believe the marketing stories. Fact is that 90% of the people who try to unlock their iPhone by themselves, have no idea what they are doing.

"When you unlock your iPhone you are flashing the core of your Phone, this brings many risks. In some of the cases you will permanently damage your \$400,- Dollars iPhone, or load it with viruses or other malware that is constructed into the unlocking software" Unfortunately there are a lot of people who are still willing to take this risk. Many of them end up with a \$400, broken - unusable 'brick'.

"In many cases we are able to repair the broken phones via a new software flash, but in some cases there is no option left then to dump the phone in the garbage,

as Apple does not give any warranty to unlocked phones."

The lesson to learn is to be careful if you want to unlock your iPhone. Benefits are clear, consider the downsides of unlocking as well. And IF you decide to unlock your precious gadget, make sure you do it with a service that understands what they are doing.