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c) Find the probability that Luis receives 2 or fewer phone calls.

The probability that Luis receives 2 or fewer phone calls is $\frac{2}{9} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{4}{18} + \frac{3}{18} + \frac{3}{18} = \frac{10}{18} = \frac{5}{9}$.

d) Find the probability that Luis does not receive 4 phone calls.

The probability that Luis does not receive 4 phone calls is $1 - \frac{1}{9} = \frac{9}{9} - \frac{1}{9} = \frac{8}{9}$.

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