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Top 10 Tips to Maximize Your Chance of Rescue Using Emergency Beacons



Whether you're on a boat, fishing, diving, kayaking or windsurfing safety is everyone's responsibility. Prepare for your next water adventure by purchasing an emergency beacon. The following 10 tips below will help to increase your chance of being rescued in the event of an emergency situation.



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1 Before You Depart: Buy a 406Mhz Beacon With Built-In GPS

These beacons, when activated, communicate directly with emergency personnel and have helped save more than 40,000 lives since 1982.

2 Wear a Life Jacket

Boating safety advocates recommend that all boaters and passengers not only have a life jacket, but ‘Wear It!’ at all times while on the water. AIS Man Overboard devices can be attached onto select styles of life jackets to help alert boats in the vicinity in the event of a distress situation.

3 Register Your Beacon

After purchasing a 406MHz beacon, you can register your beacon via the COSPAS-SARSAT website at <http://www.cospas-sarsat.int/en/774-registering-your-beacon>

4 Keep Your Registration Current

Don't forget to keep your beacon's registration information updated as frequently as possible—especially in the days leading up to your departure.

5 Self-Test Your Beacon and Identify a 24-Hour Contact Before Departing

Before setting out, it's important to test your beacon to make sure it is functioning properly. You will also want to include a 24-hour contact in your registration profile along with filing a sail plan.

6 Keep the Beacon Within Reach or Set to “Auto”

The last step before departure is to identify an easy-to-access and effective location for your beacon. There are too many stories of individuals who lose time in an emergency situation because the beacons are in a cabinet or out of immediate reach.

7 Activate a Distress Beacon Only in a True Life or Death Situation

Emergency beacons are one of the most reliable tools for improving your chance of rescue. Always keep as many communications options as possible, including mobile phones, radios and automatic identification systems.

8 Ensure the Beacon Antenna is Unobstructed

Upon beacon activation, make sure the device's antenna is pointing upward with a clear view to the sky. Take it outside of a vessel or boat, elevate it, keep it above water, find a clearing and ensure that it is free of any other obstructions.

9 Make Yourself Visible

The more you understand the nature of the location, the easier it will be to make yourself clearly visible to search and rescue teams. Several beacons have strobe lights to aid in rescue efforts. Use any and all tools at your disposal, including flares, radar reflectors, other lighting or any other bright or reflective devices. It's also recommended to have a device that makes noise, such as a whistle, to help search and rescue authorities locate you in the water.

10 Give the Rescue Effort Time and Stay Calm

A beacon can be activated in seconds, but depending on where you are, it may be several hours—even days—before rescue authorities are able come to your assistance.

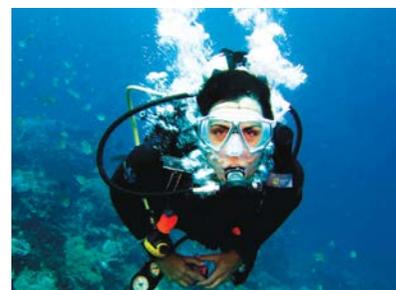


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The Global Leader in Emergency Readiness and Response

Overview

McMurdo is the world's most trusted name in Emergency Readiness and Response which includes search and rescue and maritime domain awareness solutions. We are the market leader in integrating products, technologies and services into solutions that prevent emergencies, protect assets and save lives.

A Proven History

For over 150 combined years, our relentless commitment to innovation has been, and continues to be, fueled by a passion for helping people prepare for – and reliably respond to – emergency situations. Our comprehensive solutions are trusted by thousands of customers and partners worldwide in industries such as aviation, commercial fishing, government, marine, military, outdoor and others. Each can confidently and safely operate in remote or high-risk environments – anywhere around the globe – knowing that they are backed by years of industry knowledge, market intelligence and product innovation.

A Vision for the Future

Today, we offer the world's only complete, end-to-end emergency readiness and response platform – from distress beacons to search and rescue infrastructure, to mission control and rescue coordination centers to maritime domain awareness.

Tomorrow, we will uphold our promise by continuing to develop life-saving solutions that embrace quality, leverage partnerships and remain at the forefront of innovation.

We want new generations to feel safe doing what they love – whether that's sailing, flying or exploring – at sea, in the air, or on land.

Because at McMurdo we value life, relationships and promises kept.

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