

## ARE THERE OTHER OPTIONS?

A PLB remains the primary recommended communications device, however other devices such as satellite phones and GPS-based emergency alert devices can provide alternative means to alert authorities.

Careful consideration must be given to ensure authorities can not only be alerted to an emergency, but be provided the location of that emergency. Having more than one way to communicate with authorities is recommended.

### Access to PLBs and other devices

Items such as PLBs, satellite phones and other satellite/GPS-based devices can be purchased or hired, meaning they are a cost-effective way to keep travelers safe.



## MORE INFORMATION

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Regional and remote area travel safety advice.



WESTERN AUSTRALIA  
POLICE FORCE

**SAFETY EQUIPMENT  
DISTRESS BEACONS**



## TRAVELLING IN REGIONAL AND REMOTE WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Western Australia is home to many popular tourist destinations and adventure trails, including some that involve travelling on remote roads, tracks and trails.

The harsh terrain and remote locations can present challenging environments where even the most experienced traveler using the right vehicle can become lost, stranded or in need of emergency assistance.

In extreme cases, being able to alert authorities to an emergency situation can be the difference between life and serious injury or death.



## PHONE RECEPTION IN REGIONAL/REMOTE WA

Not all of Western Australia is covered by mobile phone reception. Many of the popular adventure trails, and some of the major travel routes, require travelers to have alternative means to communicate with others or alert authorities to an emergency.



## WHAT IS A PERSONAL LOCATOR BEACON?

When activated, a Personal Locator Beacon, or PLB, sends a distress signal via satellite to the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA). The distress signal includes the exact GPS coordinates of the activated device. AMSA then liaises with the relevant state or territory to coordinate a response to the emergency. In Western Australia, WA Police Force is the coordinating agency.

**Once the PLB is activated, it is imperative that you remain at that location.**

If the PLB is registered with AMSA, which is recommended, AMSA can access the owner's details which may provide crucial information to those responding to the distress signal.

