

## **Make sure you come home safely to your family and friends.**

### **Before you leave:**

- Plan your prospecting trip according to your experience level
- Let people know where you are going and how long you expect to be away
- Have a reliable person to act as a contact at home
- Leave behind a copy of maps for the area in which you intend to operate—mark the roads you are likely to use and possible camping and prospecting areas
- Leave details of the vehicles and people involved in the prospecting or fossicking trip and telephone/satellite numbers
- Consider having scheduled calls and agree on a back-up plan if the call is missed so it is clear when the alarm will be raised
- Familiarise yourself with your chosen communication devices before leaving home.

### **Communication devices**

Most people take for granted that we can pick up a mobile phone and get help. However telecommunication coverage outside of a regional centre or in remote areas is not a given. The use of communication devices which are satellite-based is strongly encouraged as an addition to telecommunication devices. These devices can be purchased or hired.

#### **Satellite phones**

- These phones allow vital communication when required.

#### **Personal locator beacons (PLBs)**

- When activated, the device transmits a message via a satellite to the emergency services. The transmitted coordinates are used by rescuers to pinpoint the location of the person.
- These devices are small and inexpensive and can be purchased from most quality outdoor stores.  
They are designed to be carried by a person rather than stay in a vehicle and are ideal for use during prospecting and fossicking activities.
- Carrying a PLB has been recommended to prospectors by the Coroner after an inquest into the death of a prospector in 2014.

#### **Personal satellite tracking systems**

- These devices can send pre-prepared messages via a satellite-based provider.
- Locators can be tracked using the internet.
- Some devices have emergency alert functions but be aware these may have time delays attached.

### **In the field**

- Carry a personal locator beacon (PLB) and a communication device on you at all times.

- Carry adequate water and food for the trip (4 to 6 litres of water per person per day, more in hot or humid conditions)
- Have a suitable first aid kit and the medications you need.
- Have an emergency kit (e.g. matches, whistle, mirror, thermal blanket)
- Wear appropriate clothing and footwear for the conditions.

**Emergency, for life-threatening situations –Dial 000.**

**Other Contact Numbers**

**Police**

Police assistance (non-emergency) – 131 444

Leonora Police Station – 08 9037 6100  
Laverton Police Station – 08 9088 2777  
Leinster Police Station – 08 9055 8555  
Wiluna Police Station – 08 9981 7024  
Kalgoorlie Police Station – 08 9021 9777

**SJA**

SJA general enquiries - 08 9334 1222

SJA Kalgoorlie - 08 9026 2000

**DFES**

DFES assistance (non-emergency) – 132 500  
DFES Kalgoorlie – 08 9093 2877

**Main Roads WA**

24 hour service - 138 138  
[www.mainroads.wa.gov.au](http://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au)

**Department of Mines and Petroleum**

Leonora – 08 9037 6106  
Kalgoorlie – 08 9021 9499  
Coolgardie – 08 9026 7930

**Shires**

Leonora – 08 9037 6044  
Laverton – 08 9031 1202  
Wiluna – 08 9981 8000p