



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON 406 MHz DISTRESS ALERTING BEACONS

HELP PREVENT FALSE ALERTS

SO SEARCH AND RESCUE CREWS CAN FOCUS ON ACTUAL DISTRESS SITUATIONS!
406 BEACONS SAVE LIVES



98% OF ALL 406 ELT, EPIRB AND PLB BEACON ACTIVATIONS ARE FALSE ALERTS!

False Alerts can take search and rescue (SAR) resources away from **REAL EMERGENCIES**.

False alerts can place SAR Responders in **HARM'S WAY**.

Notify authorities immediately if your beacon was **ACCIDENTALLY ACTIVATED**, even for a few seconds.

Follow **MANUFACTURER'S** guidance for **TESTING** your beacon.

Follow manufacturer's instructions when **DECOMMISSIONING** and **DISPOSING** of old beacons.



KNOW YOUR 406 BEACON - LIVES DEPEND ON IT - MAYBE YOURS!

Follow manufacturer's **INSTRUCTIONS** when **HANDLING, TESTING, REPAIRING AND INSTALLING** a 406 beacon. Most **FALSE ALERTS** occur during testing and maintenance.

To test your beacon, **USE THE TEST SWITCH ONLY**.

Brief all members of your crew or group on **HOW YOUR BEACON WORKS**.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A 406 BEACON IS ACTIVATED?

Rescue Coordination Center personnel are immediately alerted when a 406 BEACON SIGNAL is **DETECTED**.

They do everything possible to get SAR Responders **TO THE SCENE OF THE DISTRESS** as quickly as possible.

Make sure your **BEACON IS REGISTERED**.

It's easy... Call **1-888-212-7283** or register at beaconregistration.noaa.gov

This is the simplest and fastest way for SAR authorities to **RESPOND TO A DISTRESS** or **CONFIRM A FALSE ALERT**.

IF A 406 BEACON IS ACCIDENTALLY ACTIVATED CALL:

US COAST GUARD:
US AIR FORCE:

1-855-406-USCG (8724)
1-800-851-3051

