



Are you **PREPARED** to **CALL FOR HELP?**

Have a plan in place to alert SAR (Search and Rescue) in the event of an emergency.

Cell Phone

- Dial *16 to alert Coast Guard Radio
- Dial 911 to alert Local Authorities

Marine Radio - DSC

- Channel 16 to alert Coast Guard Radio and other vessels in the vicinity
- DSC (Digital Selective Calling) Radio, properly registered, sends auto alerts

EPIRB 406 MHz

(Emergency Positioning Indicating Radio Beacon - For Boats)

- Provides your location via satellite to nearest Joint Rescue Coordination Centre
- Register your EPIRB with the Canadian Beacon Registry

PLB 406 MHz

(Personal Locator Beacon)

- Portable alerting device
- Provides your location via satellite to nearest Joint Rescue Coordination Centre
- Register your PLB with the Canadian Beacon Registry
- Note on your emergency contact sheet that it's in a boat

A stylized map of Canada is shown in the background, with the landmass in orange and the surrounding water in blue. The text is overlaid on this map.

CANADA IS A BIG COUNTRY!

It can take time for Search and Rescue (SAR) to get to you. Be prepared to have someone alert help if you can't make the call yourself. Have the resources to survive the wait for help and be a good target for SAR.

IF YOU CAN'T MAKE THE CALL!

Leave a **Float Plan** with a responsible person whom you trust to act if you don't return.

- Include critical details about your boat and planned trip
- Ensure the person knows who and when to call in the event you do not return

SURVIVE THE WAIT

Be prepared! Sometimes it takes time for SAR to arrive.

- Keep your boat afloat with a bailing device
- Keep your boat in one place by using an anchor
- Bring extra clothing for both the expected and the unexpected weather conditions
- Have water and food aboard
- Seek shelter within your boat if it is safe to do so
- **WEAR YOUR LIFEJACKET**

BE A GOOD TARGET

Listen for SAR and when they are close by, help them pinpoint your location and communicate with you.

- Have pyrotechnics (flares) and a signal mirror on board and know how to use them
- Try contacting / communicating with SAR on **Channel 16** on a VHF Radio or **911 / *16** on a cell phone