

PLB HIRE CONDITIONS & INDEMNITY

Emergency Use Only

Personal Locator Beacons (PLB's) are not a substitute for being well prepared for your trip. This beacon should only be used if someone's life is in **grave and imminent danger** and you have no other means of communication. The 406MHz Emergency Personal Locator Beacon will be detected by the COSPAS-SARSAT global satellite system. The beacon, once activated, may not commence transmitting until 60 seconds after activation. You will hear an audible beep and see a light flash 20-21 times per minute once the beacon is activated. This is the 'searching phase'. The PLB will emit a rapid series of beeps and light flashes once it has acquired a GPS position fix and transmitting your position.

The need to **treat emergency beacons responsibly** cannot be too highly emphasised. And a beacon cannot guarantee a person's safety. Please ensure you are adequately prepared for survival until the time of rescue.

The 406MHz beacon will only be detected when the satellite is in a direct line of sight. The satellite position report of the PLB distress signal can only be determined to within approximately 120m. To further narrow the search area, a plane, helicopter or ground party must be available and weather must be suitable to enable access into the area you are located.

To activate your beacon

Activate the beacon as detailed on the back of the unit and leave it on. This requires you to break the seal. Keep beacon clear from obstructions and in the open and clear, if possible.

False Alerts

If your beacon is accidentally activated, switch it off immediately as shown on the back of the unit and **contact AUSSAR (Search and Rescue) on 1800 641 792 as soon as possible**. You should report the Unique Identifier Number (UIN) marked on the unit, date, time and location of activation. Please note penalties may be imposed for improper use and activation under Commonwealth Legislation.

Damage to PLB

The Hirer agrees to take good care of the PLB and not use it for any other purpose other than its intended purpose. A \$150 fee will be payable if the PLB is returned with the 'safety seal' broken by any means other than for an emergency situation. If the unit is physically damaged beyond repair or is lost, the Hirer must pay the full value of up to \$330 for the unit. These charges will be placed on the credit card supplied on the Hire Agreement Form.

Hirers must provide details of their trip and up to three (3) emergency contacts to Support Crew prior to their trip. These details will be entered into the AMSA website. Please ensure your emergency contacts are aware of your trip details.