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Love them or hate them, mobile phones have become another of modern life's necessities.

So it's more than just a little inconvenient when your mobile goes on the blink, or its battery dies.

While we've all got phones, how many of us know how to take care of them? Margueritte Rossi found some tips on extending the life of your lifeline to the world.

Daniel Frayne from Strike Group Australia says, "The most common problems are usually water damage or cracked LCD screen and power problems."

There's a bit of an art to keeping your mobile phone battery working well. A long battery life, starts as soon as you buy a phone.

"The manufacturers suggest that you should charge it overnight a lot of the times they say overnight just to be a bit careful but I would recommend charging it for at least 4 hours when you first get the phone."

As for the myth that you have to let the phone go flat before recharging.

"Once you charge it completely when you first get the phone it should be fine after that to charge however often you like," Daniel said.

Other easy ways to extend your battery

Turn blue tooth off when you're not using it.

Dim the screen light.

Turn the volume down on your ring tone.

And of course the more complicated applications you use, the quicker you'll flatten the battery.

Also try to limit knocks and bumps.

For more information about mobile phone repairs contact Strike Group Australia 3257 1747, <http://www.strike.com.au>. Vodafone can be contacted via <http://www.vodafone.com.au> or call 1300 650 410.



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