



### OPTIONS FOR OBTAINING ASSISTANCE DURING A SEARCH

A BSAR search group may require urgent assistance, for instance if the missing person is found or a member has had an accident. Communication options are:

1. **Police radio**
2. **Mobile phone**

On occasions neither the Police radio or a mobile phone will have reception, even after relocating to higher ground.

#### **OPTION 3 is the Police SPOT tracker**

All BSAR search groups are issued with a PoliceSAR SPOT, turned on and in tracking mode.

#### **USE THE SPOT TO CALL FOR POLICE ASSISTANCE; SIMILAR TO CALLING 000.**

1. Position the unit with as clear sky view as possible and with the logo face up.
2. **Open the protective flap and hold down the SOS button until it blinks GREEN.**
3. The GPS and Message lights will blink green for 15secs in unison. (red GPS light= no position)
4. The SOS message will be re-sent every 5 minutes until cancelled. The Message light will continue to blink green. (To cancel the re-sending, hold the SOS button down until its light blinks red.)



The PoliceSAR office at Williamstown will shortly receive your SOS and location, and will pass it on to the Search Command. Assistance will be sent to your location as quickly as possible.

#### **BSAR CB radio**

Contacting a nearby group by CB radio to relay a message is another option. However, the CBs are on a public channel. Transmitting any search critical or confidential information is very much a last resort; to be used only when all of the above options have failed.

*These notes have been endorsed by the Police Search and Rescue Squad.*

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