**Make sure you come home safely to your family and friends.**

**Before you leave:**

* Plan your prospecting trip according to your experience level
* Let people know where you are going and how long you expect to be away
* Have a reliable person to act as a contact at home
* Leave behind a copy of maps for the area in which you intend to operate—mark the roads you are likely to use and possible camping and prospecting areas
* Leave details of the vehicles and people involved in the prospecting or fossicking trip and telephone/satellite numbers
* Consider having scheduled calls and agree on a back-up plan if the call is missed so it is clear when the alarm will be raised
* Familiarise yourself with your chosen communication devices before leaving home.

**Communication devices**

Most people take for granted that we can pick up a mobile phone and get help. However telecommunication coverage outside of a regional centre or in remote areas is not a given. The use of communication devices which are satellite-based is strongly encouraged as an addition to telecommunication devices. These devices can be purchased or hired.

**Satellite phones**

* These phones allow vital communication when required.

**Personal locator beacons (PLBs)**

* When activated, the device transmits a message via a satellite to the emergency services. The transmitted coordinates are used by rescuers to pinpoint the location of the person.
* These devices are small and inexpensive and can be purchased from most quality outdoor stores.
They are designed to be carried by a person rather than stay in a vehicle and are ideal for use during prospecting and fossicking activities.
* Carrying a PLB has been recommended to prospectors by the Coroner after an inquest into the death of a prospector in 2014.

**Personal satellite tracking systems**

* These devices can send pre-prepared messages via a satellite-based provider.
* Locators can be tracked using the internet.
* Some devices have emergency alert functions but be aware these may have time delays attached.

**In the field**

* Carry a personal locator beacon (PLB) and a communication device on you at all times.
* Carry adequate water and food for the trip (4 to 6 litres of water per person per day, more in hot or humid conditions)
* Have a suitable first aid kit and the medications you need.
* Have an emergency kit (e.g. matches, whistle, mirror, thermal blanket)
* Wear appropriate clothing and footwear for the conditions.

***Emergency, for life-threatening situations –Dial 000.***

**Other Contact Numbers**

**Police**

Police assistance (non-emergency) – 131 444.

Leonora Police Station – 08 9037 6100.

Laverton Police Station – 08 9088 2777.

Leinster Police Station – 08 9055 8555.

Wiluna Police Station – 08 9981 7024.

Kalgoorlie Police Station – 08 9021 9777.

**SJA**

SJA general enquiries - 08 **9334 1222.**

**SJA Kalgoorlie -** 08 9026 2000

**DFES**

DFES assistance (non-emergency) – 132 500.

DFES Kalgoorlie – 08 9093 2877.

**Main Roads WA**

24 hour service - 138 138

www.mainroads.wa.gov.au

**Department of Mines and Petroleum**

Leonora – 08 9037 6106.

Kalgoorlie – 08 9021 9499.

Coolgardie – 08 9026 7930.

**Shires**

Leonora – 08 9037 6044.

Laverton – 08 9031 1202.

Wiluna – 08 9981 8000.