



Utilities: The Phones Are Out

How to Tell Your Family That You Are OK

When there is a major earthquake, telephone communications, including cell phones, will probably be disrupted as they depend on electricity. Additionally, the transmission equipment itself might be damaged. It is important that you do not depend exclusively on cordless phones or cell phones. Cordless phones require you to have power, so be sure that you have at least one telephone that plugs directly into a telephone jack in the wall. The phone company supplies their own power and they will restore service as rapidly as possible.

The Sun City Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) has set up an alternative way for you to contact friends and family. The EPC has established a dedicated high frequency radio that can communicate almost anywhere in the world. This radio will be staffed by some of the highly trained ham radio operators living in Sun City. They will be able to talk to radio operators near where you wish to call, and these operators will call your friends and family and give them your message. You will not be able to talk directly to them, however.

As quickly as possible after an emergency strikes, a table will be set up at the First Aid Station located at Mountain View Clubhouse for you to register your message.

- As soon as possible, on a first come, first served basis, the message will be sent
- All that is needed is the name and receiver's telephone number with a brief message
- For reasons beyond our control we cannot guarantee that the message will be passed to your family and friends, but our ham operators will do their very best

At the present time we will be unable to receive incoming messages.