

## Registration of Distress Alert Devices

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The registration of distress alert devices, such as EPIRBs (406 MHz satellite Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacon), PLBs (Personal Locator Beacons), SARTs (Search and Rescue Transponders), Digital Selective Calling (DSC) with a Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) number for marine radios and Inmarsat ship earth stations are essential tools for distress signaling. The registration of these devices is a critical step to ensure effective and rapid rescue in an emergency. It is essential to keep registration details current, especially if your vessel changes ownership or your emergency contact details change.

The below links provide additional information about registering distress alert devices:

- EPIRB, PLB & SART Registration: US Beacon Registration  
<https://beaconregistration.noaa.gov/RGDB/index>
- For MMSI on Marine Radios & Inmarsat: MMSI Federal Communications Commission  
<https://www.fcc.gov/wireless/bureau-divisions/mobility-division/maritime-mobile/ship-radio-stations/maritime-mobile>

For MMSI registration, it is highly recommended that you have a licensed FCC technician program the MMSI on your marine radios and Inmarsat, as these devices do not allow for correction to accidental entries. Remember that registration information should be available for verification by the Coast Guard Boarding Officers and Marine Inspectors and updated promptly after any major changes. Proper registration of your EPIRB is intended to save your life and is mandated by Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations. The Coast Guard is continuing to enforce the FCC registration rule.

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