

Important Notice - Please Read Before Completing Registration

Registration is an important facet for all Cospas-Sarsat 406 MHz emergency beacons. Not only is it required by Federal Regulations but the information you furnish is used by Search And Rescue (SAR) agencies in the event of beacon activation. The registration information is an important tool to assist the United States Coast Guard, United States Air Force, and other SAR agencies in locating and quickly responding to you, your vessel, or your aircraft. Failure to register your beacon may delay a rescue response. Accurate, up-to-date registration information will also be used to conserve resources by helping to eliminate false alert deployments, as an inadvertent activation can be resolved with a phone call.

There is no charge for beacon registration. This is a service provided by the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

All online registrations will be entered into the National 406 MHz Beacon Registration Database on the same day of entry. Registration forms received via postal mail will be entered within 2 business days of receipt. For online registrations, a confirmation letter with your completed registration information form will be sent immediately via e-mail or fax (if provided). Confirmation letters sent via postal mail should arrive within two weeks. Once your registration confirmation is received, please review all information. Any changes or updates to your registration information can be done via the internet, fax, e-mail or postal mail. If you do not receive your registration confirmation from NOAA on the same day you submit it over the internet or within two weeks if you submit it by postal mail, please call NOAA toll-free at: 1-888-212-SAVE (7283) or 301-817-4515 for assistance.

After initial registration (or re-registration) you will receive a NOAA Proof of Registration Decal by postal mail. This decal is to be affixed to the beacon and should be placed in such a way that it is clearly visible. If for some reason you do not receive the registration decal within two weeks, please call NOAA toll-free at: 1-888-212-SAVE (7283) or 301-817-4515.

Failure to register, re-register (as required every two years), or to notify NOAA of any changes to the status of your 406 MHz beacon could result in penalties and/or fines being issued under Federal Law. The owner or user of the beacon is required to notify NOAA of any changes to the registration information at any time. By submitting this registration the owner, operator, or legally authorized agent declares under penalty of law that all information in the registration information is true, accurate, and complete. Providing information that is knowingly false or inaccurate may be punishable under Federal Statutes. Solicitation of this information is authorized by Title 47 - Parts 80, 87, and 95 of the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Additional registration forms can be found on the NOAA-SARSAT website at: www.sarsat.noaa.gov or at: www.beaconregistration.noaa.gov.

Please note, NOAA will complement or update your registration information accordingly if your registration has expired and credible information is provided from SAR sources. NOAA will also seek information from other databases to update and/or complement the existing information for an expired beacon registration. Although the information provided will become a matter of public record, there is no intent to circulate beyond its intended purpose, i.e., to assist SAR agencies in carrying out their mission. Public reporting burden for the collection of this information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subjected to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. Comments regarding this burden or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden should be sent to:

NOAA/SARSAT
NSOF, E/SP3
4231 Suitland Road
Suitland, MD 20746

Or call: 1-888-212-SAVE (7283) or 301-817-4515

Finally, false alerts remain a chief concern for SAR agencies. We ask that you carefully refer to the beacon's user manual for instructions on properly operating, installing, testing, performing required maintenance, and/or stowage of your beacon. We find that these are important factors in reducing the number of false alerts. ***Please use the utmost care at all times!***