



## DISPOSAL OF FLARES AND EPIRBS

### How to safely dispose of flares

Do not discard un-serviceable flares in general rubbish collections or land fill. Refer to Department for Planning & Infrastructure website for information on disposing of flares: <http://www.dpi.wa.gov.au/imarine/19165.asp#Disposal>

Please only dispose of un-serviceable flares at the locations shown below. (During normal business hours)

#### ***Department for Planning and Infrastructure (DPI)***

Marine Operations Centre  
14 Capo-D, Orlando Drive  
Fishing Boat Harbour, South Fremantle

***The Regional Transport Office in your area.***

Hillary's Office  
39 Northside Drive  
Hillarys WA 6025

#### ***Department of Fisheries***

Rockingham Office  
Suite 4, Commerce House  
3 Benjamin Way  
Rockingham WA 6168

Mandurah Office  
15 Leslie Street  
Mandurah WA 6210

Mindarie Regional Council collects flares as part of the Household Hazardous Waste program and these can be dropped off to the Recycling section at Tamala Park, 1700 Marmion Avenue, Mindarie from Tuesday to Sunday between the hours of 7.00am and 4.45pm.

### How to dispose of unwanted EPIRB's

An EPIRB is an emergency position indicating radio beacon that transmits a signal to a family of dedicated satellites for re-transmitting to ground stations for alerting search and rescue authorities. It is important to know that the old analogue beacons (commonly in boats or in off-road vehicles) will no longer be detected by satellite after 1 February 2009. After that date recreational boats going more than two nautical miles to sea will have to carry a 406 MHz EPIRB (digital).

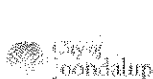
Mindarie Regional Council does not collect EPIRBs however should you need to dispose of them please refer to the following information provided:

- When upgrading to a 406 MHz distress beacon it is essential that old analogue models are appropriately disabled and disposed of responsibly so that they do not trigger false searches. Battery World shops provide free disposal.
- They must never go into ordinary rubbish, as they may go off in landfill when compacted, causing an unnecessary false call out.

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- Some information about various distress beacons that are known to have been or being used in Australia are listed on the following website: [www.beacons.amsa.gov.au](http://www.beacons.amsa.gov.au)
- To find out if the unwanted beacon that you have is on the list, please follow the link to commonly used distress beacons below. The list provided on the AMSA web site gives advice on how to simply disarm particular beacons.
- More advice about distress beacons is available from the AMSA web site: [www.amsa.gov.au/beacons](http://www.amsa.gov.au/beacons) or by calling **1800 406 406**.
- Owners are asked to take the disarmed beacon to one of the Battery World outlets (whose stores are recommended collection points) located throughout Australia.
- Should you be unable to disarm a particular beacon, it is advised that you take the complete beacon to Battery World where the beacon will be disarmed and the batteries recycled.

**Take your old Analogue 121.5 MHz EPIRBs your nearest Battery World outlet in Western Australia at:**

<u>Balcatta</u>	Unit 2, 120 Erindale Road	(08) 9240 8881
<u>Joondalup</u>	Unit 7, 209 Winton Road	(08) 9301 1022
<u>Maddington</u>	Unit 2, 1973 Albany Highway	(08) 9493 4400
<u>Midland</u>	36 Farrall Road	(08) 9250 1220
<u>O'Connor</u>	Unit 1, 362 South Street	(08) 9331 4572
<u>Osborne Park</u>	5/480-488 Scarborough Beach Road	(08) 9446 9653
<u>Rockingham</u>	75B Dixon Road	(08) 9529 4590
Osborne Park	5/480-488 Scarborough Beach Road	(08) 9446 9653
Welshpool	54 Tate Street	(08) 9361 5800

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