

RAWCS Volunteer Teams – Phone Policy for OH&S

Recent concerns have been voiced about the exposure of RAWCS Ltd. to liability if we do not insist upon a course of action to provide reasonable occupational health and safety measures for all RAWCS volunteers.

One concern is the ability to contact emergency services if required while serving on a team any where in the world.

Policy – That the team leader be responsible for deciding if the area they will be operating in is “remote” and requires the provision of a mobile phone or of a satellite phone for the team.

In general RAWCS Volunteer teams operating in a remote area without mobile phone coverage or working further than 10 kilometres from a fixed telephone service or radio service are required to rent or borrow a satellite phone for the duration of their trip.

The cost of the phone must be borne by the team and not RAWCS Ltd.

Mobile phones – where there is mobile coverage of the work area, a sim card for the country the team is working in can be purchased on arrival in the country and used in the team member’s own phone from Australia. If this is not possible then a local pre-paid phone can be purchased on arrival.

Satellite phones can be borrowed or hired.
(Iridium is the only network that provides true global coverage)

Quote from Marlec Pty Ltd

Phone – 02 94361234 Website – www.marlec.com.au

Approximate costs for Iridium phones are:

Rental including GST, stamp duty, access fee and insurance within Australia

01 to 21 days - \$18.00 per day	(\$126 for 7 days - \$252 for 14 days - \$378 for 21 days)
22 to 27 days - \$17.80 per day	(\$391.60 for 22 days - \$480.60 for 27 days)
28 days - \$17.50 per day	(\$490 for 28 days)
29 to 34 days - \$17.20 per day	(\$498 for 29days - \$584.80 for 34 days)
35 days - \$17.14 per day	(\$599.90 for 35 days)
36 to 41 days - \$16.87 per day	(\$607.32 for 36 days - \$691.67 for 41 days)

Call Charges including GST

Iridium to landline, mobile & satellite in Aust.	\$2.50 per minute*
Iridium to landline, mobile & satellite outside Aust.	\$3.90 per minute*
Data calls	\$3.90 per minute*

* Minimum call charge is 1 minute, thereafter charged in 20 second increments

Security Deposit of \$2000 per Phone – Overseas Rentals

Other Phone companies:

Frequency Communications Phone 02 9360 0177 Email - www.frequency.com.au