

ICE

(In Case of an Emergency)

There is no simpler way of letting emergency personnel know who to contact should you be involved in an accident than by using ICE.

Standing for "In Case of Emergency", ICE will allow Firefighters, EMT's and Police Officers to quickly contact a nominated person in the event of an emergency.

The ICE concept was developed by Bob Brotchie, a Cambridge-based paramedic who works for the East Anglian Ambulance NHS Trust in England. He realized that most accident victims carried no information identifying next of kin or medical history with them. Although, he did find that most victims carried a cell phone.

Today in America there are more than 110 million cell phone subscribers.

HOW IT WORKS

- Type the acronym ICE followed by a contact name (for example, ICE - Mom or ICE - David) into the address book of your mobile phone
- Save their phone number
- It is important you tell your ICE contact that you have nominated them

Follow these hints to get the best out of ICE:

- Make sure the person whose name and number you are giving has agreed to be your ICE partner
- Make sure your ICE person's number is one that's easy to contact, for example a home number could be useless in an emergency if the person works full time
- Make sure your ICE partner knows about any medical conditions that could affect your emergency treatment - for example allergies or current medication and or medical history
- Make sure if you are under 18, your ICE partner is a parent or guardian authorized to make decision on your behalf - for example if you need a life or death operation
- Should your preferred contact be deaf, then prefix the number with **ICETEXT**

FAQ's

My phone doesn't show the callers name any more

This will be because your ICE contact number is a duplicate entry of another contact in your phone book. If you have two numbers the same, your phone won't know which one to display so it will show just the number. You will need to delete one entry.

