



MedCom Net

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Formal (NTS) Traffic

Part IV - Message Text

ARL Emergency Text Messages

ARRL Numbered Radiograms are a standardized list of often-used phrases. Each phrase on the list is assigned a number. There are two groups: Group One is for emergency relief and consists of 26 phrases numbered consecutively from "ONE" to "TWENTY SIX," and preceded by the letters "ARL." For example, "ARL SIX" means "will contact you as soon as possible."

Group Two contains 21 routine messages, including number "FORTY SIX" and from "FIFTY" through "SIXTY NINE." Earlier printed versions of this list do not contain the latest additions. For the complete list, see <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/forms/fsd3.pdf>

When using numbered radiograms, the letters "ARL" are placed in the "check" block of the preamble, just prior to the number indicating the word count, as in "ARL7."

In the text of the message, the numbered radiogram is inserted by using the letters "ARL" as one word, followed by the number written out in text, not numerals. For example: "ARL FIFTY SIX."

It is important to spell out the numbers letter by letter when sending using voice. This allows the receiving station to correctly copy what is being sent, and not inadvertently write the figures out as "FIVE SIX" instead of "FIFTY SIX." "ARL FIFTY SIX" is counted as three words for the "check" block. Two common receiving errors are to write "ARL-56" and count it as one word, or "ARL 56" and count it as two words.

Some numbered messages require a "fill in the blank" word in order to make sense. Here are two examples:

ARL SIXTY TWO: Greetings and best wishes to you for a pleasant _____ holiday season.

ARL SIXTY FOUR: Arrived safely at _____.

ARL Text Messages Group 1

Emergency/priority messages originating from official sources must carry the signature of the originating official.

ONE--Everyone safe here. Please don't worry.

TWO--Coming home as soon as possible.

THREE--Am in ____ hospital. Receiving excellent care and recovering fine.

FOUR--Only slight property damage here. Do not be concerned about disaster reports.

FIVE--Am moving to new location. Send no further mail or communication. Will inform you of new address when relocated.

SIX--Will contact you as soon as possible.

SEVEN--Please reply by Amateur Radio through the amateur delivering this message. This is a free public service.

EIGHT--Need additional _____ mobile or portable equipment for immediate emergency use.

NINE--Additional _____ radio operators needed to assist with emergency at this location.

TEN--Please contact _____. Advise to standby and provide further emergency information, instructions or assistance.

ELEVEN--Establish Amateur Radio emergency communications with _____ on _____ MHz.

TWELVE--Anxious to hear from you. No word in some time. Please contact me as soon as possible.

THIRTEEN--Medical emergency situation exists here.

FOURTEEN--Situation here becoming critical. Losses and damage from ____ increasing.

FIFTEEN--Please advise your condition and what help is needed.

SIXTEEN--Property damage very severe in this area.

SEVENTEEN--REACT communications services also available. Establish REACT communication with _____ on channel _____.

EIGHTEEN--Please contact me as soon as possible at _____.

NINETEEN--Request health and welfare report on _____. (State name, address and telephone number.)

TWENTY--Temporarily stranded. Will need some assistance. Please contact me at _____.

TWENTY ONE--Search and Rescue assistance is needed by local authorities here. Advise availability.

TWENTY TWO--Need accurate information on the extent and type of conditions now existing at your location. Please furnish this information and reply without delay.

TWENTY THREE--Report at once the accessibility and best way to reach your location.

TWENTY FOUR--Evacuation of residents from this area urgently needed. Advise plans for help.

TWENTY FIVE--Furnish as soon as possible the weather conditions at your location.

TWENTY SIX--Help and care for evacuation of sick and injured from this location needed at once.