

InReach Communication Devices

InReach communication devices are available to borrow from the BC Camping Committee.

Safe Guide requires us to have a clear communication plan in the event of an emergency. However, in many areas of the province cell phone coverage is not available. Devices such as satellite phones, personal GPS trackers and beacons (SPOT or similar) are key. Many Areas have such devices that you can borrow, so ask what is available. The BC Camping committee also has two InReach SE devices which are available for groups to book.

Using satellite technology, an InReach device provides an interactive SOS. It also allows two-way text messaging so Guiders can communicate directly with both emergency services and their Home Contact Person. In addition, InReach allows you to track your trip progress and share your location with rescuers and your Home Contact Person.

There is no fee to borrow the provincial InReach devices, but borrowers will be responsible for any costs associated with shipping them back. For the best chance at booking a device, submit your request when you confirm your trip dates.

The provincial InReach devices are reservable on a priority basis, with the highest priority being given to provincially sponsored adventure trips, followed by other adventure trips. When not required for these trips, the devices can be booked by other Guiding groups. For further information or to book a unit, please contact the BC Adventure Camping Liaison at bc-adventuretrex@girlguides.ca.

