

Ground to Air Rescue Signals

If you should become lost or stranded in a remote area rescue crews will be looking for you. Find a clearing and create the following signals using rocks, limbs and branches, mylar blankets, clothing or any other item which provides a contrast with the ground or snow. The following will be recognized by rescue teams.

- SOS Need help
- K Tell me which direction to go
- I Serious injuries, need a doctor
- II Need medical supplies
- X Unable to proceed
- F Need food and water
- Traveling in this direction
- ◇ Require map and compass
- L Need fuel
- LL All is well
- N No
- Y Yes
- ┘ L Not understood

Once your message has been seen and understood a pilot will rock the plane's wings from side to side or flash a green light.

If a pilot makes a right-hand circle or flashes a red light your message has been seen but not understood.