



DOSR/RN/2024-03 – Update to DSA 03.OME Part 3 Volumes 1 and 2 – Emergency Communications

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References:

- A. DSA 03.OME Part 3 Volume 2 (Defence Code of Practice for Ranges).
- B. DSA 03.OME Part 3 Volume 1 Part 2 (Defence Code of Practice for Ranges).

Purpose

1. The purpose of this DRN is to circulate an early update to the regulations, requirements and guidance to references A and B.

Means of Summoning Emergency Services for MOD Ranges and FTAs

2. Recent Service Inquiries identified the potential for delay in the arrival of civilian Emergency Services during the early stages of an accident if there is an extra layer of communication in reporting. Emergency Services routinely speak directly to personnel at the scene ensuring they gather comprehensive information, prioritise and allocate the correct level of resource, whilst also providing medical guidance to those present at the scene.

UK Standardised Procedure

3. To ensure that MOD Ranges and FTAs Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for summoning Emergency Services direct initial contact from staff¹ conducting activity at the scene of the accident towards the Emergency Services – this will maintain critical information flow and ensure timely support with the correct medical assets to those at the scene. The following procedure is to be implemented with immediate effect;
 - a. All Range Administering Units, Administering Units for FTAs and Head of Establishments are to ensure the following sentence is included in Range and FTA Standing Orders:
 - (1) All Activity Owners are to ensure their conducting staff have the means of communicating directly with the Emergency Services in the event of an accident.

Overseas Procedure (New)

4. Units training at Overseas locations may not have the ability to directly call upon Host Nation Emergency Services. Both the RAU and User are to ensure that a medical plan, sufficient for the type of activity being conducted, is in place (including the Emergency Service notification chain) and that the medical plan has been rehearsed to ensure the correct medical assets are provided to those at the scene. The following procedure is to be implemented with immediate effect:

¹ It is accepted there could be circumstances where conducting staff will not be present, such as aviation activity, where the initial response may have to be conducted by RAU / AU staff.



- a. All RAUs, Aus for FTAs and Head of Establishments are to ensure their site-specific Risk Assessments, Range, FTA Standing Orders and any Accident / Incident Aide Memoire reflect the local procedures for the notification of Emergency Services.

Aim

5. This DRN is aimed at all service and civilian personnel involved with the management and conduct of MOD ranges.

Implementation

6. Effective 25 July 2024.
7. Updated 17 October 2024.

Queries

8. Any observations or requests for further guidance on the content of this DRN should be submitted by email to brendan.ocallaghan155@mod.gov.uk.

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