

## **PLB CONDITIONS OF HIRE – HIRER’S COPY**

I acknowledge and assume all risks and costs associated with use of the Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) I have hired from the Bibbulmun Track Foundation and will not hold the Bibbulmun Track Foundation liable for any costs associated with improper use of the PLB or any rescue operations. I also acknowledge that the PLB will be registered to me until it is returned and I will therefore be responsible for any activation or use until it is returned to the Foundation at Level 1, 862 Hay St, Perth.

### **Conditions of Hire: (Please read this carefully)**

#### **1. Booking Form**

A PLB can be hired out only if all mandatory fields in the booking form are completed. This information is a requirement of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority to assist with search and rescue operations should they be required. A PLB must be booked no less than 5 working days in advance of the commencement of the hire period. Confirmed bookings are subject to availability.

#### **2. Hire fees**

These are current at time of printing, may be subject to change, and must be paid at time of booking, not at time of collection (refer to our website for fees or call the office on 9481-0551).

A refundable bond of \$300 (subject to change without notice) is required when the PLB is hired. This can be covered by credit card (VISA or Master Card), cheque or cash. The Foundation reserves the right to use the full amount of the bond for the cost of replacement of the PLB if it is damaged, lost or used inappropriately (including accidental activation) during the hire period. In addition, the bond may be used to cover fees if the PLB is used in a situation of genuine emergency.

#### **3. Cancellation fees**

- a) If the booking is cancelled 14 or more days prior to the date of hire, 20% of the hire charge will apply.
- b) If the booking is cancelled within 14 days prior to the date of hire, 50% of the hire charge will apply.
- c) If the booking is cancelled 7 or less days prior to the date of hire, 100% of the hire charge will apply.

#### **4. Refunds**

Refunds will be made by cheque to the hirer.

No refunds will be given for unused hire periods once the PLB has left the premises.

#### **5. Usage**

If the PLB is activated, supporting documentation will be required to prove that it was used in a genuine emergency. If it is used improperly, a full replacement fee will be charged from the bond. If the PLB is accidentally activated the Foundation reserves the right to charge the hirer for a new PLB as they are effectively a single use item and the unit must be replaced by a new unit. In the event of a beacon being activated, whether accidentally or in the case of a genuine life threatening emergency, it is important that you advise the Bibbulmun Track Foundation office at the earliest opportunity. In addition you should also get in touch with the three emergency contacts that you have supplied on the booking form. If the beacon has been activated the emergency services may have contacted these people, who will be concerned about your welfare.

#### **6. Collection and return**

Equipment can only be collected and returned during office hours 9am to 4pm Monday to Friday. (We are closed over the weekend). **PLB's must be returned by 3.45pm on the last day of the hire period.** The PLB must be clean, dry and undamaged. Faults, damage or activation must be reported immediately. If the hirer does not return the PLB within the agreed hire period a **late return fee of \$50 per day** will be taken from the bond. The Foundation also reserves the right to charge the hirer the full price of purchase of a replacement PLB if the late return prevents the PLB being issued to another hirer. The hirer will still be obliged to return the PLB to the Foundation. The PLB remains the property of the Foundation at all times. N.B. It is possible that the PLB you have booked may not be available if a previous user has used it for an emergency shortly before your period of hire. Should this happen we will try to supply you with another PLB but this may not be possible as they are in high demand. In the event that a PLB is not available due to these circumstances, a full refund will be made.