

St John Ambulance (NSW) Communications Codes

Communication codes have been devised to allow the efficient passing of information. They also allow sensitive information to be passed over the radio network.

The codes have been based on the Ambulance Service of NSW radio codes (1-25) to reduce confusion when contacting the Service.

Only St John uses the codes 31-37. The codes not listed are specific to the Ambulance Service and are not relevant to St John.

CODE 1	Officer in trouble - Require Police urgently
CODE 2	Cardiac Arrest
CODE 3	Doctor/ACMT required at hospital/First Aid post
CODE 4	Deceased person - Police required
CODE 8	Prefix for terminal cases
CODE 9	Rescue van required
CODE 10	Fire brigade required
CODE 11	Live wires down - Electricity authority required
CODE 12	Poisonous gas
CODE 13	Danger of explosion
CODE 14	St John vehicle in collision
CODE 15	Casualty or officers injured in collision
CODE 16	Tow truck required
CODE 17	Overdose
CODE 18	Airport alert
CODE 19	Disaster
CODE 20	Meal break
CODE 21	Paramedics required
CODE 22	Morphine sulphate
CODE 23	Infectious disease
CODE 24	Approach scene with caution
CODE 25	Possible suicide case
CODE 30	Analgesia required
CODE 31	Doctor/ACMT required at scene
CODE 32	Oxygen required
CODE 33	Stretcher Party required
CODE 34	Ambulance required
CODE 35	Ambulance arrived at scene
CODE 36	Supervising Officer required
CODE 37	Police required at scene

Some handy pointers when using codes

1. Units using codes should ensure that they know the exact meaning of the code before they use it.
2. If unsure of a code, DO NOT USE IT.
3. It is important to remember that St John codes are not "top secret".
4. If a code appears invalid, then the base station or local control will ask the calling unit to "SAY AGAIN your request using plain English". Codes are only useful when they are understood and correctly used.

If you have any questions about Radio Communications within St John Ambulance, contact the 24hr Operations Group Hotline on 02 9963 1366.

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