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## EU's 112 emergency number available since 1998

**Few people know it - but 26 out of the bloc's nations have already set up the hotline which is the equivalent of the 911 number in the US.**

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BRUSSELS - An EU official says all but one of the bloc's 27 nations have set up the 112 emergency phone number - but few people know it exists.

EU Telecoms Commissioner Viviane Reding says only Bulgaria has failed to launch the hotline - the equivalent of the 911 number in the US.

But Redding said Tuesday a poll has shown only 22 percent of EU citizens know that they can use the number in an emergency outside of their home country. She said governments must do a better job promoting the number.

The 112 number complements national emergency hot lines, different in each EU country.

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