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EU-wide emergency phone number not well known

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BRUSSELS (Reuters) - Travelers in all the European Union's 27 member countries can call the same emergency telephone number -- but many of them don't know what it is.

The European Emergency Number Association said on Tuesday that many Europeans do not know they can call 112 in any member state.

In addition, many countries are not taking advantage of technology that lets emergency services locate the 112 caller.

"For years, European citizens have been told that they can move freely within the Union. However, most of them still do not feel secure when they travel abroad," EENA said.

The executive European Commission has opened legal procedures against several countries including Greece, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Slovakia and Italy for not providing caller location information.

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