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'Don't call me unless it's an emergency' should be taken just as seriously as 'don't talk to me until I've had my morning coffee.'

In this episode, Ben and Lauren discuss the kind of communication that requires a gadget caught between the all-out, 'get me out', sending-out-an-SOS Personal Locator Beacon, and the in-range, down-the-road, yarn-with-Mum mobile phone.

From connecting to satellites and choosing the right device, to navigating, recharging, and maintenance – we're sending our own important message to every outdoor adventurer ahead of their next off-grid escape.

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Ben and Lauren discuss the gadget that falls between the Personal Locator Beacon and the mobile phone. Image: Zoleo

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Ep36 - UHF Radios with GME

Products:

Zoleo Global Satellite Communicator

Spot Satellite Messenger

Other:

Iridium Satellite Communication Network

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Thuraya Satellite Communication Network
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COSPAS-SARSAT International Satellite System
GALILEO Global Navigation Satellite System
Starlink

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If you have any questions for Ben and Lauren, make sure you head over to our <u>Facebook group</u> and let us know as we'd love to hear from you.

Catch you out there!