

In times of crisis, turn to ham radio

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Local amateur radio could help communication after a major disaster, says [NBC RightNow](#).

The reason's simple: We rely on technology in our daily lives, but you could "lose your cell phone signal, your internet and even electricity" when disaster strikes - none of which are requirements for ham radio to work.

That's exactly what's happening, with [WFSB Eye Witness News](#) reporting that "national office for Amateur Radio in Newington, Connecticut is helping radio operators in India assist the relief effort in Nepal," with 20 amateur radio operators on the ground in Nepal.

A ham radio is simply a 'transceiver' or combined transmitter and receiver that facilitates two-way communication. It "taps in to shortwave frequencies and traverses long distances", [explains Deccan Herald](#), and can be run for days using car batteries.

[Click here](#) for the *Times of India's* report on how ham radio can be helpful during natural disasters.

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