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## A timely message on emergency number

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NORTHUMBERLAND MEP Fiona Hall is hoping that now is the time to hit home a European emergency number.

The 112 number was launched in 1991, but research from the European Commission last year showed that only 24 per cent of holidaymakers were aware of it.

Now Ms Hall is using today's date, 11/2, to spread the message of its availability.

She said: "112 is an immensely useful service for anyone in difficulties in another EU country. It is vitally important to know whom to call in an emergency, wherever you are.

"Crucially, the response is multilingual so if you're abroad and don't speak the language you will still be able to contact the police, fire brigade or ambulance without any problems."

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