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### **MEP PROMOTES LIFE-SAVING TELEPHONE NUMBER**

As schools across the region head towards the half-term holiday and families search for some early summer sunshine, Yorkshire and Humber Liberal Democrat MEP Edward McMillan-Scott is calling on all those travelling in Europe to make sure they know how to contact the emergency services while away from home.

The '112' emergency number is the only emergency number that can be used to reach emergency services - ambulance, fire-fighters and police - in any EU country, including here in the UK, free of charge.

Edward McMillan-Scott MEP commented: "Of course, nobody likes to think that they will need to contact the emergency services when they are travelling abroad. However, it is as important as remembering to pack your passport that people know the emergency number to use if they get into difficulty.

"Remembering this one emergency telephone number when travelling in the EU means people do not have to search for police, ambulance or fire brigade numbers in the particular EU country when faced with an emergency situation. Instead, '112' can be used across the Union and can make the difference between life and death."

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