



MORSE CODE

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WHY THIS MATTERS

If the power grid fails, cell towers go dark, and the internet disappears, you can still communicate. Morse code travels on light, sound, or vibration. A flashlight, a car horn, a whistle, a mirror, tapping on a pipe. Any of these becomes a lifeline. You do not need to master the full alphabet. Learning SOS alone can save a life. The rest gives you real power.

SOS: THE ONE SIGNAL EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW

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Three short • Three long • Three short
Repeat continuously without any pause between cycles.

Recognized worldwide by coast guards, military, aviation, and rescue teams.

No common language required. No device needed. Just signal.

HOW TO READ MORSE CODE

. = short signal (1 unit) say "dit"
, = long signal (3 units) say "dah"

Gap between signals in one letter: 1 unit of silence

Gap between letters:3 units of silence

Gap between words: 7 units of silence

Transmit with: flashlight • whistle • mirror • car horn • tapping

THE MORSE ALPHABET

Letter	Code	Letter	Code
A	. -	B	- . . .
C	- . - .	D	- . .
E	.	F	. . - .
G	- - .	H	
I	. .	J	. - - -
K	- . -	L	. - . .
M	- -	N	- .
O	- - -	P	. - - .
Q	- - . -	R	. - .

S	...	T	-
U	..-	V	...-
W	.--	X	-..-
Y	-.--	Z	--..

NUMBERS

0	-----	5	
1	.-----	6	-.....
2	..----	7	--....
3	...---	8	---...
4	-	9	----.

SPECIAL SIGNALS

SOS	. . . - - - . . .
(emergency, repeat continuously)	
Wait / Pause	.-...
Error	
End of message	-.-.-

SIMON'S 5 TIPS

1. Start with SOS. Three dots, three dashes, three dots. Memorize this one pattern and you already have the most important tool in your kit.
2. Practice for 5 minutes a day. Tap it on your desk, your steering wheel, anywhere. One week is enough to make it automatic.
3. Any surface, any signal. Light, sound, vibration. Flashlight, car horn, whistle, mirror, pipe. Morse works on all of them.
4. Slow is perfectly fine. Rescuers are trained to read Morse at any pace. Accuracy matters. Speed does not.
5. No shared language needed. SOS is understood by coast guards, military, and rescue teams worldwide. It crosses every language barrier.

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