

"Mr. Watson, come here, I want you!"

It's been over 100 years since Alexander Graham Bell unknowingly immortalized his assistant in the first intelligible words transmitted by telephone. Today, of course, we use the phone for all sorts of things.

As a service, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers provides you with this list of helpful phone numbers. Some will be useful for emergencies, others will sooner or later prove to be handy sources of information, and some will just provide an interesting diversion.

And don't be surprised if some guy named Watson answers.



alcoholism & drugs

Acute Alcoholism Service Center, Detroit, 899-3266
 Alanon Family Groups, Detroit, 527-4610
 Alcohol Aid & Info Bureau, Detroit, 864-4065
 Alcohol & Drug Abuse Center, Royal Oak, 545-2725
 Alcoholics Anonymous, Ferndale, 541-6565

ambulance

call 911 or local police or fire department

camping

Michigan state park info, Detroit, 256-2760

children

Child & Family Services, Brighton, 227-1191
 Feminist Health Center (abortion advice), 341-5666
 Planned Parenthood League, Detroit, 832-7200
 Pontiac, 334-4955

civil rights

American Civil Liberties Union, Detroit, 961-4662
 Housing Discrimination Hotline, 1-800-424-8590
 Michigan Department of Civil Rights, Detroit, 256-2570

consumer info

auto repair complaints (Michigan Dept. of State), 357-5108
 Better Business Bureau, Detroit, 962-7566
 Consumer Product Safety Council, 1-800-638-2666
 County Consumer Fraud Division, Pontiac, 858-0650
 Detroit Marketing Info for Consumers program, 873-0794
 Interstate Commerce Commission Hotline, 1-800-424-9312
 Michigan Public Service Commission, 1-800-292-9555
 State Insurance Bureau, 1-800-292-5943

credit

Credit Counseling Centers, Southfield, 569-3715

crisis intervention

Common Ground, Birmingham, 645-9676
 Suicide Prevention & Drug Info Center, 875-5466

deafness

Detroit Hearing & Speech Center, Detroit, 341-1353

dental

Dental Society Emergency Referral, Bloomfield, 642-6100

education

Oakland Community College, Bloomfield, 647-6200
 Oakland University, Rochester, 377-2100
 Continuum Center, 377-2100
 University Center for Adult Education, Detroit, 577-4665
 University of Michigan-Dearborn, 271-2300
 Wayne State University, Detroit, 577-2424
 College of Lifelong Learning, 577-4669

entertainment

Cobo Arena concert info, Detroit, 224-1000
 Fisher Theatre, Detroit, 873-8831
 Ford Auditorium schedule, Detroit, 224-1070
 Masonic Temple box office, Detroit, 832-6648
 Convention & Visitors Bureau Hotline, Detroit, 259-1911
 Olympia Stadium, Detroit, 895-7000
 Pontiac Silverdome, 857-8000

eyes

Greater Detroit Society for the Blind, Detroit, 964-1233
 Kresge Eye Institute, Detroit, 961-7302 x560
 Michigan Eye Bank, Ann Arbor, 764-3262
 Tele-News Service, 863-1213

farming

Agriculture Dept. Farming Newsline, 1-800-424-7964

field & stream

DNR game law violations hotline, 1-800-292-7800

fire

911 or operator

gambling

Gamblers' Anonymous, Detroit, 964-1177
 state lottery results, Oak Park, 399-0300

gardening

Cooperative Extension Service, Pontiac, 332-7350
 Garden Problem of the Day Report, 728-8000

government

Federal Info Center, Detroit, 226-7016
 State of Michigan Info, Detroit, 256-1837

health care

Citizens for Better Care, Detroit, 568-0513
 County Health Department, Pontiac, 858-1280

information

The Information Place (TIP), Detroit, 833-4000
 Travelers' Aid Society, Detroit, 965-6740

insurance

National Crime Insurance Hotline, 1-800-638-8780

investments

Commodities Futures Trading Hotline, 1-800-424-9838

legal aid

American Civil Liberties Union, Detroit, 961-4662
 County Legal Aid Society, Pontiac, 332-9175
 Ferndale, 542-0165
 Legal Aid & Defender Assn., Detroit, 833-2980

medical assistance

for emergencies, call 911 or operator
 National Cancer Institute, 1-800-638-6694
 Oakland County Medical Society, Birmingham, 646-5400
 Venereal Disease Info, 1-800-523-1885

museums

Afro-American Museum, Detroit, 899-2500
 Children's Museum, Detroit, 494-1210
 Cranbrook Institute of Art, Bloomfield Hills, 645-3312
 Institute of Science, 645-3200
 Detroit Historical Museum, 833-1805
 Detroit Institute of Arts, 833-7900
 Detroit Science Center, 833-1892
 Dossin Great Lakes Museum, Detroit, 824-3157
 Greenfield Village & Ford Museum, Dearborn, 271-1976

news

WJBK-TV News Now recording, Southfield, 557-2800

nutrition

Dial-A-Dietitian, Detroit, 875-1087

parks

Huron-Clinton Metroparks, Detroit, 961-5865

pets

Michigan Humane Society, Detroit, 872-3400
 Pontiac, 391-0800

poison control

Poison Control Center, Detroit, 494-5711

police

for emergencies, 911 or operator
 Oakland County Sheriff (emergencies), Pontiac, 858-4911
 State Police, Detroit, 531-4100
 Pontiac, 332-9132

rape

Detroit Rape Crisis Line, 872-7273
 Rape & Sexual Abuse Crisis Center, Pontiac, 332-0147

runaways

Detroit Transit Alternative, 821-8800
 National Runaway Hotline, 1-800-621-4000
 The Sanctuary, Pleasant Ridge, 547-2260

suicide

Suicide Prevention Hotline, Detroit, 875-5466

time

472-1212

transportation

Amtrak route info, 1-800-621-0353
 Auto Traffic Safety Hotline, 1-800-424-9393
 SEMTA route info, 1-800-462-5161
 State Highway Department, 1-800-292-9576

travel

Michigan Travel Commission, 1-800-292-2520
 U.S. Travel Info Bureau, 1-800-243-2372

weather

932-1212

welfare

Social Services, Pontiac, 858-1484
 Royal Oak, 548-6300

work

Federal Civil Service job info, 1-800-572-8242

zoo

Detroit Zoo, Royal Oak, 398-0900

Long distance numbers with an 800 area code are toll-free. Dots after phone numbers signify 24-hour operation.