

"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, 345-2725
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, 873-8631
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.