

4. SAR Agreements

No formal SAR agreement exists between the Kathmandu RCC and RCC of adjacent states. However, facilitation of entry for SAR purposes is coordinated on the inter-area speech circuits with neighboring rescue coordination centers and air traffic control centers.

5. Condition of Availability

Although specific SAR aircraft are not immediately available in Nepal, other organizations will, on request, provide assistance of aircraft, equipment and personnel for the conduct of air searches.

6. Procedures and signals used

6.1. *Procedures and signals used by aircraft*

Procedures for pilots-in-command observing an accident or intercepting a distress call and/or message are outlined in Annex 12, Chapter 5.

6.2. *Communications*

Transmission and reception of distress messages within the Kathmandu FIR are handled in accordance with Annex 10, Volume II, Chapter 5, paragraph 5.3.

The frequency 121.5 MHz/406 MHz is guarded continuously during the hours of service by Kathmandu ACC/ RCC.

6.3 Search and Rescue Signal

The Search and rescue signal to be used are those prescribed in ICAO Annex 12, Chapter 5, paragraph 5.10

Ground/air visual signal codes for use by survivors

No	Message	Code Symbol
1.	Require Assistance	∨
2.	Require Medical Assistance	×
3.	No or Negative	N
4.	Yes or Affirmative	Y
5.	Proceeding in this direction	↑

Instruction for use

- a) Make signals not less than 8 ft (2.5 m)
- b) Take care to lay out signals exactly as shown
- c) Provide as much color contrast as possible between signals and background
- d) Make every effort to attract attention by other means such as radio, flares, smoke, reflected light.