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# Advantages to having a landline phone

The popularity and usability of cell phones has been on a continuous rise for the past few years. Cell phone plans are more customizable and many people are taking the jump to becoming a cell phone-only household. The Center for Disease Control reported there has been a significant jump in households relying only on cellular devices for their phone service. While it is possible that a landline may be obsolete in the future, they are still a necessity today.

## 1. Less Delay from first responders

Cell phones often require routing the call to the correct emergency response center. In an emergency where every second counts, extra routing can be a costly mistake.

## 2. Security in bad weather

Landline phone service is more likely to be available during severe weather. Cell phones are notorious for spotty reception and intermittent coverage. Bad weather can increase the problems experienced by cell phone users.

## 3. May be required by medical alert systems

Many of these systems require a landline phone to send your emergency request to a specific response station. Most service providers usually will not accept a cell phone or Internet number. If you are considering getting a medical alert system and do not have a landline phone, you may be required to pay additional fees.

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