

EU wants wireless transmitters in cars

Your car will grass on you

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THE EUROPEAN UNION is thinking of demanding wireless transmitters installed in your car that will notify the authorities if you have had a prang.

The big idea is that all new cars sold in the EU will have an emergency transmitter to ensure rapid medical help in the event of a crash.

EU mandarins think that more than 2000 lives could be saved a year once the automatic emergency call (eCall) technology is in place. It wants the system up and running by 2009.

Basically, the transmitter would be activated automatically by pressure sensors that would detect a sudden impact, or manually by an injured occupant of the car.

It will send an SOS via the EU-wide emergency call number 112 to a specially adapted call centre which would receive the signal and locate the car by satellite to dispatch an ambulance crew.

According to *Agence France-Presse* (AFP), the technology will mean that your car will grass you up if you are involved in a hit and run, or if you run into one of those bollards that the council put there to stop you having fun chasing pedestrians along the pavement.

You can read about it [here](#). μ