

Useful numbers to have in China

Congratulations on securing your new job in China! A trip to a new foreign country can be a great experience, but time to time you may run into some problems where you will need assistance. Whether it's a call to the police, medical assistance or just for translation, the following numbers can be very useful for you!

Police: 110

Ambulance: 999 (Beijing), 120 (Shanghai)

Fire: 119

Direct Enquiry: 114

First-Aid: 120

(Shanghai) "Magic Number 1": 962288- This number is great. You call them up and you speak to a fluent English speaking Chinese person, you tell them what you want, and then you pass on the phone to the Chinese person and they explain to them what you want. It's very useful for getting directions, ordering food etc...

(Shanghai) "Magic Number 2": 106695882929- This number is very useful for when you want the Chinese address of somewhere. Simply text this number with the name of the place you want to go, and if there is more than one located around you, they will ask you which one you want. You text back specifying which one you want and they text you the Chinese address. So useful for when you want to take a taxi somewhere as most taxi drivers don't speak any English!

Shanghai Railway Station: 95105105- book tickets and make reservations for Shanghai Railway Station

(Shanghai) Taxi Service: 96822- If you have more than three companions, you can phone Dazhong's call center to book a bigger taxi, which can accommodate as many as seven passengers. The fares are the same as ordinary cabs.

Ctrip: 400 619 9999- Plan your China trip with Ctrip, China's leading online travel agency.

Customer Service of China Post: 11185

Customer Service of China Telecom: 10000

Customer Service of China Mobile: 10086

Customer Service of China Unicom: 10010