ARRL Message Handling Instructions

Handling instructions (HX) convey special instructions to operators handling and delivering the message. The instruction is inserted in the message Preamble between the Precedence and the Station of Origin. Its use is optional with the originating stations, but once inserted it is mandatory with all relaying stations.

PROSIGN INSTRUCTION

HXA (Followed by number.) Collect landline delivery authorized by addressee within _____ miles. (If no number, authorization is unlimited.)

HXB (Followed by number.) Cancel message if not delivered within _____ hours of filing time; service originating station.

- HXC Report date and time of delivery (TOD) to originating station.
- HXD Report to originating station the identity of station from which received, plus date and time. Report identity
- of station to which relayed, plus date and time, or if delivered report date, time and method of delivery.

HXE Delivering station get reply from addressee, originate message back.

HXF (Followed by number.) Hold delivery until _____ (date).

HXG Delivery by mail or landline toll call not required. If toll or other expense involved, cancel message and service originating station.

ARRL Numbered Radiograms for Possible "Relief Emergency Use"

Numbered radiograms are an efficient way to convey common messages. The letters ARL are inserted in the Preamble in the Check and in the text before spelled out numbers, which represent texts from this list. Note that some ARL texts include insertion of information.

Example: NR 1 W W1AW ARL 4 NEWINGTON CT DEC 25 DONALD R SMITH 164 EAST SIXTH AVE NORTH RIVER CITY MO PHONE 733 3968 BT ARL ONE ARL TWO BT DIANA AR.

ONE	Everyone safe here. Please don't worry.
TWO	Coming home as soon as possible.
THREE	Am in hospital. Receiving excellent care and recovering fine.
FOUR	Only slight property damage here. Do not be concerned about disaster reports.
FIVE	Am moving to new location. Send no further mail or communication. Will inform you of new
	address when relocated.
SIX	Will contact you as soon as possible.
SEVEN	Please reply by Amateur Radio through the amateur delivering this message. This is a free
	public service.
EIGHT	Need additional mobile or portable equipment for immediate emergency use.
NINE	Additional radio operators needed to assist with emergency at this location.
TEN	Please contact Advise to standby and provide further emergency information,
	instructions or assistance.
ELEVEN	Establish Amateur Radio emergency communications with on MHz.
TWELVE	Anxious to hear from you. No word in some time. Please contact me as soon as possible.
THIRTEEN	Medical emergency situation exists here.
FOURTEEN	Situation here becoming critical. Losses and damage from increasing.
FIFTEEN	Please advise your condition and what help is needed.
SIXTEEN	Property damage very severe In this area.
SEVENTEEN	REACT communications services also available. Establish REACT communication with
	on channel
EIGHTEEN	Please contact me as soon as possible at
NINETEEN	Request health and welfare report on(name, address, phone).
TWENTY	Temporarily stranded. Will need some assistance. Please contact me at
	Search and Rescue assistance is needed by local authorities here. Advise availability.
TWENTY TWO	Need accurate information on the extent and type of conditions now existing at your location.
	Please furnish this information and reply without delay.
	E Report at once the accessibility and best way to reach your location.
TWENTY FOUR	Evacuation of residents from this area urgently needed. Advise plans for help.

TWENTY FIVE Furnish as soon as possible the weather conditions at your location.

TWENTY SIX Help and care for evacuation of sick and injured from this location needed at once.