

Practical Exercise: Using a Radio

Purpose:

This short exercise allows participants to practice using their radios.

Do not do this exercise if the radios require a license and participants are unlicensed.

Be aware that this exercise will generate a great deal of noise; be sure your class will not disturb others in the area.

Also be aware of radio-to-radio feedback if participant radios are close to each other or a lot of the participants are on the same channel.

Time: 15 minutes

Instructions:

Tell participants that they have 3 minutes to turn on the radios and experiment with their use.

If participants are using FRS/GMRS hybrid radios, instruct them to remain on FRS-only channels.

Debrief:

After 3 minutes, instruct participants to turn the radios off.

Ask participants if anyone had difficulty turning the radios on or off or adjusting the volume.

Explain to them that in the next part of the lesson, they will learn how to use the radios in an activation.