

Safety Alert – Radio Communication

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Due to the nature of forestry being a high-risk environment, the consequences of a communication breakdown can be serious. Radio is the primary means of communication in and out of active work areas, and it only works when everyone involved is on the correct channel. This is a reminder that verifying your radio channel before entering the forest is a non-negotiable requirement.



WHAT CAN GO WRONG

- A crew member broadcasts a warning. You are on the wrong channel and do not hear it.
- Plant or vehicle movement is called out. You proceed without knowing.
- An all-stop is called. Your work continues unchecked.
- You call for help after an injury. No one responds. Help is delayed.
- You attempt to warn others of a hazard. No one hears you.

BEFORE YOU ENTER THE FOREST

- Turn on your radio and set it to the correct channel.
- Know the designated channel. Check with the site manager or crew foreman if unsure.
- Perform a radio check. Call up and confirm someone responds.
- If no response, proceed with caution and be prepared to give way if required.
- Change your radio if it is not working.
- Announce your entry on the channel.

If you are aware of a vehicle that does not have ForestryCo channels installed, or a driver not calling in when required, please raise this with them directly then contact ForestryCo via the WhatsApp groups or by email. If you are unsure whether you are on the correct channel, check before you go in. It takes less than a minute.