

COURTESY ON THE AIRWAVES

Treat Your CB Radio as a Tool

Your CB radio is an important means of communication. At some point, it may be your only contact with the outside world. It can alert you to road and weather conditions ahead and it's invaluable in case of emergency. It can also be a good companion on a long run. If you treat it with respect and know how to use it properly, you'll make the best use of your CB.

The Golden Rule

Use your CB to help others, just as you would want them to help you. If there's road work, an obstruction, sudden hazards or an emergency on the highway, use your radio to inform drivers behind and ahead of you.

Keep them alerted to anything unusual you may encounter. Tell them of any change in weather conditions, particularly a change that could pose risks. Your CB can be an invaluable aid in minimizing dangerous situations for other drivers. It will encourage them to do the same for you.

Emergency Aid

A professional driver is often the first one to discover an accident, especially on a lonely stretch of highway. Use your CB to alert authorities and emergency personnel. Radio first, then get out and offer any other assistance you can.

Don't take it for granted that the police already know about the mishap. You and your CB may be able to save lives.

Situations may arise in which you are in physical

danger. There's no need to tough it out alone if you can avoid it. Call for help immediately.

Keep It Clean

It's a violation of the Federal Communication commission's rules to use rude and abusive language on the airwaves. But it's a serious mistake for other reasons, as well. The airwaves don't belong to professional drivers alone. Many motorists have their own CBS. Foul language gives the industry a black eye it doesn't need and is sure to offend a lot of people. It's not good for your image or the image of professional drivers as a whole.

A Tool to Use Properly

CB radios are valuable tools of your trade. Like any tool, they should be treated with respect. Use yours properly and keep it in good operating order. It will service you well if you treat it right. □



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