

What is the 333 rule for ham radio?

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How it Works (The "When, Where, How")

- **When:** Every 3 hours, at the top of the hour (e.g., 3, 6, 9 AM/PM).
- **How Long:** Tune in and listen or transmit for 3 minutes.
- **Where:** On a common, pre-arranged "Channel 3"

CCFLARES CHANNELS: FRS #106, MURS #142, CCFLARES SIMPLEX #13

Key Benefits

- **Battery Conservation:** Frequent, short checks use less power than continuous listening.
- **Coordination:** Gets everyone on the air simultaneously for check-ins and updates.
- **Interoperability:** Bridges different radio types (CB, FRS, Ham) when sharing common channels.
- **In Practice (Example)**
 1. At 3:00 PM (local time), turn on your radio.
 1. Listen for 3 minutes for calls or broadcast your call sign and say "checking in".
 1. If you connect, share info; if not, turn the radio off and repeat at 6:00 PM.
- 2. **Continue every 3 hours until regular communication channels are restored.**

What are the 4 golden rules of radio communication?

The 4 golden rules of radio communication are Clarity, Simplicity, Brevity, and Security, focusing on making messages easily understood on shared channels by speaking clearly, using plain language, keeping it short, and avoiding confidential info, ensuring efficient and secure teamwork.

Here's a breakdown of each rule:

1. Clarity:

Speak slowly in a normal tone (don't shout) and keep the microphone a few inches from your mouth for clear audio, not mumbling or shouting.

2. Simplicity:

Use plain, common language everyone understands, avoiding jargon or complex sentences; break long messages into shorter ones.

3. Brevity:

Get straight to the point; be concise and precise, making messages as short as possible (e.g., under 30 seconds).

4. Security:

Never transmit sensitive or confidential information over the air or frequencies of radio channel frequency. Following these rules ensures your message is heard, understood, and doesn't tie up the channel unnecessarily, allowing for effective communication.

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