

Using the Bendix King radios:

1. Check out the radio from the communications person.
2. Verify what channels/groups/frequencies will be used for this operation.
3. Verify what your Animal Rescue Group designator will be and who will be the primary communicator. Example: "AR Unit 51".
4. NVADG has its own frequencies.
5. DO NOT use any other frequency unless authorized to do so.
6. Turn the radio on (ON/VOL). If nothing appears in the LCD display, the batteries may be installed incorrectly or dead. Listen to the noise (if it dies or drops in volume, the batteries may be low).
7. Turn the squelch up until the noise just stops.
8. Turn the channel knob (1-16) to the proper channel.
9. The radio has a toggle switch labeled LO/Hi to the left of the SCAN switch. Placing it in the HI position enables full transmit power, but uses up the batteries faster. When transmitting to nearby persons, try using the LO setting to conserve batteries.
10. Before leaving the Animal Staging Area, get a communications briefing and do a radio check with the Animal Evacuation Leader.
11. You will be instructed on a check-in time & procedure.
12. When you return from the field, report to the communications person and turn in the radio. Turn off the radio and turn in all batteries, antenna, chest harness, and any other items issued with the radio.