Communications

Radios are widely used as a means of communication at Shoeburyness. It is important that this is done safely, effectively and efficiently to prevent misunderstanding. In particular, radios are used to make contact with trials personnel prior to entry onto a battery or trials site.

Key trials personnel, radar and emergency services are allocated “Range Call Signs”. For those persons not allocated call signs, and wishing to enter a trials site, stop gate numbers or pre arranged locations names will be used as substitute call signs.

Example of Simple Radio Communication:

Person with unassigned call sign wishes to enter X3 Battery:

Message offered:
Hello X3 this is stop gate 52 - Over (Identity established)

Reply:
X3 - Send - Over (Call Acknowledged)

Message:
Stop gate 52 - I have two visitors for your location - Over

Reply:
X3 - Permission granted. Close the gate behind you - Over

Reply:
Stop gate 52 - Roger Out. (Confirmation of permission/ instruction)

Additional information for recreational and residential visitors to QinetiQ Shoeburyness.

- Visitors are only permitted to go to their pre-arranged destination and to use public footpaths and other Rights of Way.
- Dogs must be kept under control at all times.
- Children must be escorted by an adult at all times.
- Visitors taking part in a designated shoot must produce a firearms certificate in fulfilment of legal requirements.
- Visitors must have a means of communication to allow contact with the Security Control Room (01702 38 3385) or the Emergency Contact numbers (2222 or 01702 38 3202).
- Visitors must keep at least 3 metres away from carriages or railway lines.

Remember

- Do not pick up any metal objects.
- Do not enter restricted areas or farmland without permission.
- Shoeburyness and Foulness are Wildlife Conservation areas – do not disturb the wildlife, and respect flora and fauna.
- Park sensibly and observe speed limits.
- Give way to traffic coming off the island.
- Don’t leave litter.

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Health & Safety Do’s and Don’ts for Visitors

Do
• Comply with ALL safety signage
• Report to Range Operations office (at Landwick Gate) if you require entry to batteries or operational areas
• Observe the site speed limits and Road Traffic Act requirements
• Ensure you have, and use, the required protective equipment
• Declare mobile telephones and any image capturing equipment
• Report ALL accidents and abnormal events
• Remember your legal duty of care to yourself and others
• Remember! you represent your organisation, and your behaviour reflects on them
• ASK IF UNSURE!

Don’t
• Stray from your designated route or work area
• Cross any type of closed barrier
• Deviate from given instructions
• Misuse equipment
• Bring persons under age 18 onto site without prior permission
• THINK YOU KNOW ALL THE ANSWERS!

What happens if I ignore these?
Failure to comply with the above may result in you being barred from the site, or other action as appropriate.

Safety Signs
- Stop, Prohibition, Danger Stop or don’t do it.
- Safe Conditions - the way is a safe way.
- Caution - risk of danger, warning of hazard.
- Mandatory Action - you must do what the sign says.

Range Operations Office
Telephone Ext. 3211/3212

Important numbers
Emergency 2222 (internal) or 01702 38 3202
Site 24 hour contact 01702 38 3385

Signal Flags & Barriers
Indicates EXPLOSIVE DANGER SITE. Do not approach without permission of the Trials Manager when ammunition is on the battery or trials site, and at full mast when firing is imminent.

Contact Details
If you have any doubts or questions concerning any issue during your time at Shoeburyness, please speak to:
Your host __________________________
The Trials Manager ____________________

Range Operations Office

Indicates that the ranges are ACTIVE (flown at full mast).

STOP GATES
May be permanent or temporary, manned or unmanned. When Stop Gates are across a road it indicates that the road is closed. The barrier must not be crossed without the permission of the Trials Manager, and must be replaced after entry.