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As society becomes increasingly risk adverse, children are in danger of being suffocated by rules and regulations. As claims increase year on year, it can put schools in a difficult position when considering taking pupils on school trips. However, it has been proven by many studies that the benefits of school trips far outweigh any possible dangers.

There are over 140,000 school trips per year in the UK



There are over 15,000 residential trips per year in the UK



There are over 70,000 activity trips per year in the UK



There are over 3,000 trips outside of the UK per year.





# USING TWO-WAY RADIOS ON SCHOOL TRIPS

When school trips are organised, many schools assume that a mobile phone will be more than adequate as a method of communication when things go wrong. However, this couldn't be further from the truth, as mobile phones can suffer from signal problems, are slow to connect and they only allow you to talk to one person at a time. Also, when using a mobile phone, you need to wait for a dial tone and this could have an impact on the outcome of an accident if a pupil or teacher requires help or assistance.

Licence free two-way radios have been proven to be of greater use, safer and a cheaper alternative to mobile phones. Two-way radios have a range of up to 10km (dependent on the area they are being used in), they are not reliant on mobile phone masts, provide instant communication when the push to talk button is pressed and are really easy to use.

A secondary school was arranging a trip to mainland Europe. During the trip there would be occasions when the group would be together and occasions when they would be split into smaller groups. As the trip was in a remote area this caused particular concerns with pupil safety. The school was well aware that there would be serious problems with mobile phone signals, therefore an alternative fool proof and cost effective communication solution was needed or the trip wouldn't be able to go ahead.

Eemits Communications suggested licence free two-way radios to the school. There is no need for licence, no charge for using them in the UK or Europe (unlike mobile phones there are no roaming charges), no need to wait for a dial tone as two-way radios are a means of instant communication, press a button and talk, and they are robust and will survive being dropped. A further benefit of two-way radios is that it enables all radio users on a trip to talk and listen to the same conversations at the same time. This would be invaluable when the main group needed to be split into smaller groups, as they would be able to keep in touch at all times.

The school took a number of Motorola TLKR T80 Extreme radios with them on their trip. Luckily, there was no need to use the radios in an emergency situation. However, the radios proved to be extremely useful, especially when the main group needed to split into smaller groups, as the supervisors of the group were able to keep in contact with the other groups at all times. Motorola T80 Extreme radios make ideal radios for school trips in remote areas whether in the UK or Europe they are available in twin and quad packs and come with a range of accessories all stored in a hard travel case, making them easy to transport.

## Advantages of two-way radios:

- No need to wait for a dial tone
- Instant communication with push to talk
- Robust
- No reliance on mobile phone masts
- Range of up to 10km
- Easy to use



# FEATURES OF LICENCE FREE RADIOS



**UPTO  
10KM  
RANGE**

Contact groups easily when participating in trips that require pupils and supervisors to move around in small groups.



Keep running costs at zero with radios with rechargeable batteries, each radio comes with a spare battery too.



LED torches are available on many radios, powerful for day to day use or for use in emergency to attract attention.



Water-proof licence free two-way radios are an ideal communication device for activities taking place in or near water.

**UPTO  
8  
CHANNELS**

Use specific channels for specific supervisors.



For radios that are being used where it needs to be silent, use the vibrate alert function.



Easy hands-free communication, press one button to activate a hands-free call.



Many radios have belt clips, which can be utilised as an emergency whistle to attract attention.

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