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About the Mountain Radio Service (MRS)

Mountain Radio Service has lightweight radios, equal in size & weight to a pack of butter, for use in the outdoors. These are ideal for school groups, youth groups, trampers, hunters and many other outdoor activity groups. The radios function in both the North and South Islands and have proved to be of great value on many occasions.

Some base station generates a once-daily call, referred to as a "sked". During the sked the base station operator gives weather information and takes details of the location and intentions of users. This includes making telephone calls to the nominated contact person regarding any changes to plans and pick-up arrangements caused by bad weather and/or flooded rivers.

The Canterbury Mountain Radio Service also has hut radio telephones for the public to use. Operators on their base network which covers the whole of the South Island make three voice calls per day and also listen out during daytime hours. Many of the South Island field sets have the technology to make calls through the base network into the public telephone system.

In case of injury or illness the details can be given at sked time, and assistance arranged if needed. Unless there are other listening times arranged, you will normally make contact with the base station at the specified times. If an emergency arises during the day, a call should be made on the Canterbury Mountain Radio Service frequency as there is a good chance of being heard in Christchurch by one of their members.

When a radio is hired, full details on setting up the aerial, base station call times and listening watches (if any) will be given. Information on channel frequencies is also supplied, so it is important that the hirer reads and understands this information. Before the radio can be made operational the long aerial wire must be strung out and this could take 10 minutes or more in bush or rough terrain. Weight of radio, antenna, spare batteries, and bag is 1.2kg for the smaller and 1.8kg for the larger set.

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For Radio and Beacon (PLB) hire in the North Island.



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The Mountain Radio Service is the only public communication system for backcountry users.

It is reliable, and effective.

Follow instructions carefully, and take care of the radio ~ it could save your life!

A cell phone is suggested only as a useful backup but it is no substitute for experience or thorough trip planning.

If it works, feel free to call 111 in an emergency and ask for Police.