

UHF /CB Channels

A quick guide to UHF/CB radio channels for use when touring Australia. By DiscoverDiscomfort.com.

Shared channels (by law/convention)

- **5 — Emergencies only. Try with duplex on, then off if no response**
- 10 — 4WD clubs, convoys, national parks
- 11 — Locating friends. Switch to another channel when you establish contact them
- 18 — Caravanners/campers convoy channel
- 29 — Road safety, Pacific Highway and Pacific Motorway (NSW/QLD)
- 40 — Road safety — Truckies, oversized vehicles

General use channels

Use these channels for communicating with friends/your group, agreeing on a channel.

- **General use:** 9, 12-17, 19-21, 24-30, 39
- **Extended band (if you have it):** 50-60, 64-70, 79-80

Don't use these (or face fines)

- 5 for anything other than emergencies
- 1-8, 31-38, 41-48, 71-78 — for repeaters
- 22/23 — for signalling/telemetry/robots only
- 61-63 — Reserved for future allocation

Etiquette guidelines

- 11 — Switch channel after you establish contact
- If a channel is busy, switch if you can
- Keep language clean, kids may be listening