

Alerted see-and-avoid 101



Maintain a lookout for other aircraft at all times.



Check your radio is:

1. switched on
2. on the correct frequency (get into the habit of listening for the beepback)
3. can be heard (momentarily disable the squelch when setting up the radio to check the volume is set and the headset is connected)
4. is transmitting (monitor your radio if it has a transmit indication, or do a radio check with someone nearby).



Adhere to all published procedures.



Make all the standard broadcasts, using the ICAO phonetic alphabet, even if you think there is no nearby traffic.



Concentrate while making radio calls. Do not allow yourself to be distracted by passengers, your mobile phone or your GPS.



Give others the opportunity to use radio-alerted see-and-avoid by making all the standard broadcasts within 10nm of a non-towered aerodrome.



Use standard procedures at all non-towered aerodromes, unless otherwise stated in the ERSA or NOTAM.



Be aware that any radio-equipped aircraft could be conducting straight-in approaches at non-towered aerodromes.



Avoid overflying aerodromes where possible, and maintain situational awareness of their inbound and outbound routes.



Use all your systems to tell others where you are and where you are going.



If in doubt, speak out! It is much better to ask for help than to end up in trouble.