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D-STAR BEST PRACTICES

The Basics

- It's still LISTEN, LISTEN, LISTEN first
 - When linking to a reflector or repeater, listen for 30 seconds to see if a QSO is in progress
- To ID or not to ID
 - Callsign is transmitted with each transmission
 - "Quick Key" can be used as a break or net check in
 - It's still a good practice to still ID verbally
 - Other stations may not see callsign on display
 - We still operate analog, too (don't get out of practice)



Linking Etiquette

- ⦿ Announce your intentions to link or unlink
- ⦿ If no objections, initiate link or unlink
- ⦿ When QSO is over, unlink
- ⦿ If local only QSO, consider unlinking
- ⦿ Many repeaters will re-link to default site after idle time



What About Data?

- Voice and data can be transmitted simultaneously, but
- What data are you transmitting?
 - GPS position data is okay with voice (transmit on PTT only, no beaoning)
 - Pure data not normally sent when voice traffic is expected
 - Consider using alternate module for data
- Avoid data on linked repeater unless specifically for data use, large nets
- Consider use of D module on reflectors for data

