Sample
R3EMCOMM Radio Network
Tip Sheet and "Safety Net" Script

The guidelines below serve as an example of a "Safety Net" script. Please adapt this sample script to your own group's needs and preferences.

A few points to remember…

- Net Control (the Host) should go on the air at the designated time.

- Net Control (the Host) may sound like a dispatcher talking on a radio.

- Similar to using a party line phone, only one person should speak at a time, and everyone should wait to be called upon by Net Control (the Host).

- Net Control (the Host) should have a list of regular participants and be ready with pencil and paper to mark check ins and take notes.

- All operators should wait for the pauses and prompts as noted in the script your group develops.

- As appropriate, all operators should wait for the "Courtesy Tone" (a brief beep from the repeater shortly after someone stops transmitting) before speaking. If you are not using a repeater, you will just hear silence after the last person finishes transmitting.

- Ideally, you should have more than one Net Control Operator (the Host) and switch them out on a regular basis so that everyone gets a chance to help out.

- Nets should follow the same, consistent pattern, but should be more or less informal.

- Practice makes perfect, and perfect practice is even better. To really make this work, you have to practice!

- Above all, make it fun, and make it work for your group.

(Neighborhood Name) Safety Net Script

Date: _____

Time: _____

Channel: _____

(Net Control starts with this Preamble)

Good Evening and welcome to the (Name of Neighborhood) Safety Net.

This is (Net Control Operator Name and Call Sign), your Net Control Operator for this evening.

This Net meets every (day of week and time) and all are welcome.

You don't need to be a member of the R3EMCOMM Radio Network to participate in this net, but we do ask that you allow Safety Net members to check in first.

This is a directed net, all stations please stand by.

(Slight Pause)

Are there any stations with Emergency or Priority Traffic? If so, please come now.

(Listen for Emergency or Priority Traffic,
if nothing is heard, say "Nothing Heard" and continue)

This is (Net Control Operator Name and Call Sign), starting the roll call.

(State your name and GMRS call sign)

When your name is called, please speak slowly and clearly using your first name, call sign, general location, and one of the following responses:

"Standing By"
(if you are going to participate in the net to the end)

or

"In and Out"
(if you are just checking in and not staying on the net)

(Once you have read the names of the regular participants
from your roll call list, ask for late or missed members or visitors)

(Helpful hint - If you keep participant names
in alphabetical order it will make it easy)

(When you are done with your list, ask…)

Are there any late or missed members wishing to check in? If so, please come now with your name, call sign, and general location.

(Pause for late or missing member check-ins;
if nothing is heard, say "Nothing Heard" and continue)

Are there any visitors wishing to check in? If so, please come now with your name, call sign, and general location.

(Pause for visitor check-ins;
if nothing is heard, say "Nothing Heard" and continue)

Are there any announcements from the our (Neighborhood Watch Representative or Homeowners Association Representative)?

(Pause for announcements;
if nothing is heard, say "Nothing Heard" and continue)

(At this point, Net Control may open the Safety Net for discussion. He or she may ask each check in on the list a question, like this… "So, (Name), What's new with you?" or ask a general question to the group, like this… "Are there topics of interest anyone would like to share with our group tonight?" If you would like to make a comment or answer a question, it's OK to wait for a pause, press your transmit button, and just say, "Comment" and wait for Net Control to acknowledge you before continuing.)

(When you are ready to close the the Safety Net, ask…)

Last call, last call. Are there any additional members or visitors wishing to check in, or rechecks?"

(Pause for additional member or visitor check-ins or rechecks;
if nothing is heard, say "Nothing Heard" and continue)

Are there any additional questions or comments before I close tonight's Safety Net?

(Pause for additional questions or comments;
if nothing is heard, say "Nothing Heard" and continue)

Thank you for your participation in the (Name of Neighborhood) Safety Net.

Tonight's Safety Net is now closed.

This is (Your name and call sIgn), Net Control, signing off.

Have a great evening and stay safe!

At this point, listeners may initiate contacts with each other over the repeater for additional conversation, or move their conversation to a simplex frequency if possible.

An individual or group may need to continue to use the repeater in order to hear each other; that's OK, too.