

- c. Simply giving up on communicating altogether

7.2.3 Personnel shall If possible, find a dry, quiet location from which to communicate and always make sure they are in a position of safety to follow the communications structure and protocols

7.3 Equipment barriers

7.3.1 Analogue and digital communication equipment have a pontential to cause barriers due to the gaps in the overall coverage. This can be due to design , theft or vandalism. Both technologies are susccpible to the following:

- a. Transmission noise
- b. Interference
- c. Drop-out
- d. Theft and vandalism leading to high outage time.
- e. Obsolescence leading to a shortage of spare equipment

7.3.2 Digital Migration might lead to operators utilising different communication systems while sharing the same network which would impact safe interoperability at interfaces.

7.3.3 Operators sharing the same network shall ensure interoperability between the various communication networks which they use. This will mitigate any barriers that might arise from incompatable communications systems being used by different operators sharing the same network.

7.4 Linguistic barriers

7.4.1 'Linguistic' refers to the way we speak and the language that we use. To communicate clearly, personnel undertaking safety related and safety critical work shall avoid using:

- (i) Vague language
- (ii) Jargon