

Do

- Always be polite regardless of the circumstances. If not, avoid transmitting.
- Set a good example especially for short wave listeners who may be thinking about becoming a ham.
- Be a good listener. It will help you better organize your thoughts before transmitting.
- Speak clearly and slowly, especially when giving your call sign to someone you have never worked before.
- Promote friendship and goodwill to all contacts. Look for ways to get to know each other rather than simply exchanging signal reports and Hi and Bye.
- Try to keep track of everyone in the conversation to make sure everyone has a chance to contribute to the discussion.
- Always be ready to quickly and calmly respond to emergency situations. Rehearse what you would do if presented with various scenarios.
- Pause between transmissions. "Quick keying" gives the appearance that other hams are unwelcome in your conversations.
- Respect the privileges of hams operating in other modes on the bands.
- Look for opportunities to "Elmer" newly licensed hams when you hear them on the radio. Welcome them, solicit their questions and give them pointers on good operating practices.
- Develop good operating practices. You will be doing your part in helping insure the continuance of our long and proud tradition of self-regulation.

Don't

- Acknowledge the presence of deliberate interference. After all, that's most likely the overall objective of the person doing the interfering.
- Be excessively long winded especially when in a round-table discussion and during times when band conditions are changing.
- Operate when you are in a bad mood. You will be that much more vulnerable to losing your temper.
- Overuse Q-codes and other ham jargon on the phone bands.
- Claim or homestead any particular frequency for nets, schedules, etc. If your designated frequency is already in use, simply move up or down as necessary.
- Transmit before first determining that the frequency is clear.
- Break into an ongoing conversation unless you can hear the majority of the participants.
- Ignore someone new to a round table conversation. We should all do our part to make everyone feel welcome.
- Test your transmitter over the air. Use a dummy load first.
- Become a "Band Policeman" quick to tell others what you feel they are doing wrong. In instances where it may be called for, always be polite and constructive.
- Operate in any fashion that is not in keeping with good amateur practice. Be certain to always comply with the provisions of Part 97 of the rules.
- Ridicule other hams or express any negative views of the overall state of Amateur Radio. If you don't have something positive and constructive to say, avoid saying anything at all.

