

Ten Commandments of Repeater Operation

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- I. FIND a repeater using a directory. Avoid “kerchunking.”
- II. LISTEN. Familiarize yourself with its operating procedures.
- III. TRANSMIT your call sign. Do not call “CQ” on repeaters.
- IV. To JOIN a QSO in progress, transmit your call between transmissions. Don’t use “break” or “break-break” as these are universally reserved for emergencies!
- V. COURTESY: Acknowledge any station wishing to use the repeater. Invite him/her to join in or make a short call to another station.
- VI. PAUSE between transmissions to allow others to join in. Wait for the courtesy “beep.”
- VII. BREVITY: Keep transmissions short, permitting more people to use the repeat.
- VIII. Always IDENTIFY at the end of each series of transmission, or every 10 minutes. No need to transmit any other station’s call, just yours.
- IX. Use SIMPLEX whenever possible. Adhere to the band plan.
- X. SUPPORT your local repeater group.