

Denton County Amateur Radio Association
The DCARA Repeaters
Operating Rules & Guidelines

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1. Monitor Before Transmitting

Be sure the repeater is not in use.
You do not want to disrupt someone's QSO.

2. Identify Legally

You must identify at the end of a transmission or series of transmissions and at least once every 10 minutes during the communication. Always ID before and after when you are accessing the repeater functions.

3. Pause Between Transmissions

Wait for the courtesy beep. This allows other users to break in. They may have an emergency. Also, this will keep you from timing out the repeater. The timer resets at the beep. This is very important during SKYWARN/ARES net operations. DO NOT use the word "BREAK." Normally, your callsign will get you into any conversation.

4. Keep Transmissions Short

Your monologue may prevent someone with an emergency from getting in. This is especially important when reporting emergency information. Please remember that the repeaters are a shared resource.

5. No Commercial Business!

The FCC forbids using an amateur repeater for anything that could be construed as business communications.

Repeater Priorities

1. **Emergency Traffic**
2. **ARES / SKYWARN (weather)**
3. **Autopatch Traffic**
4. **Routine Mobile Traffic**
5. **Fixed Base Traffic**

Portable eCOMM Repeater

441.325 MHz (+5.0) 88.5 CTCSS

This is a low coverage repeater that can be deployed as needed in the field for events, exercises or emergencies. It is #57 on the I.C.E. plan

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