

I am sure that you folks listening to the WIN System have heard the occasional undesirable jamming activities, and have wondered what to do about it. Our policy has always been to ignore jammers when we hear them. Section 97.101(d) of the Commission's Rules prohibits amateur operators from willfully or maliciously interfering with or causing interference to any radio communication or signal.

I am sure that you want to do something more to help keep the airwaves clean and friendly. So, instead of simply sitting there and doing nothing when jamming activity occurs, I would like to encourage folks to become Pro-Active, and start doing something about it.

The [Spectrum Enforcement Division](#), in conjunction with the [Regional and Field Offices](#) of the FCC, is responsible for responding to complaints of willful and/or malicious interference (sometimes called “jamming”) among amateur radio service licensees.

In fact, the FCC has a special page on their website called “Amateur Radio Complaints.” The URL is <http://www.fcc.gov/eb/AmaCmpl.html>. Amateur radio complaints should be as specific as possible, citing dates, times, and frequencies on which alleged violations occurred. Complaints should also include a name and telephone number where the complainant can be reached for further details, if necessary. Complaints should be sent via e-mail to fccham@fcc.gov or by mail to the address below. Parties are encouraged to send standard cassette recordings or CDs in support of their complaints. Recordings should be mailed to: Federal Communications Commission, Enforcement Bureau, Amateur Radio, 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325. Parties desiring further information may call: (717) 338-2502.

Amateur radio service licensees wishing to file complaints alleging willful and/or malicious interference to other amateur radio service operations should follow the complaint process discussed above. Parties are encouraged to send standard cassette recordings or CDs in support of their complaints. Recordings should be mailed to the address listed above. Parties desiring further information may call: (717) 338-2502.

We on the WIN System recommend that when you hear jamming activity; write an email to the FCC at fccham@fcc.gov following the directions above. An easy way to send along a recording of the illegal activity is to simply log on to the WIN System Streaming Audio page at www.winsystem.org and click on ‘Streaming Audio’ which you can load up on Real Audio, and hit the record button. It will then make an audio file of the Streaming Audio, which is about 20 seconds delayed from real-time.

This will create an official complaint to the FCC from you. If they receive enough of these ‘official complaints’ perhaps we will see some action by the FCC in policing the airwaves.