

GRG Repeater Abuse

Introduction

Repeater abuse is thankfully rare in Grampian. When abuse does happen it is very important that it is reported to the Group so we can closely monitor the repeaters and liaise with Ofcom.

What is Abuse

Abuse takes many forms including deliberate Jamming, playing music or other recordings and direct verbal abuse. Some abusers will target a specific station while others will just wish to disrupt any traffic through the repeater.

Dealing with Abuse on Air

There is little doubt that abusers thrive on reaction and, sadly, they crave an audience.

Any on-air abuse should be ignored and no reaction should be given by those affected, no ifs and no buts!

- It is most likely that any response given by you to an abuser will breach your own license conditions.
- Any Attempt to Jam the abuser is a breach of your license.
- Do not retaliate or acknowledge the abuse.
- Vacate the repeater. Abusers tend to thrive when they know they are causing maximum disruption, don't feed their ego!
- Getting into an argument on air is never a good idea. The offender will delight in your anger!

What to Do?

If you hear abuse (whether directed at you or not) please fill in our online abuse form giving as many details as possible. If you need help please contact the secretary.

Do not talk about the abuse on air or make it known that you have raised a complaint. Ofcom are vigilant but require time build a profile of the user and collect evidence that is able to withstand court proceedings.

Please do make recordings if you can and forward these to the Group. If you make a recording please clearly indicate the time, date and repeater affected and also make a small note about the abuse recording in your station log or use the sheet provided below.

Abuse Reporting Web Page
<http://grampianrepeatergroup.co.uk/abuse/>

