

Discovering the Excitement of Ham Radio

Technician License Course

Chapter 8

Section 8.3 Interference

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 - Can be from transmitted signals
 - Can be created internally by a receiver

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Harmful





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- Harmful
 - Interference that is disruptive, not necessarily willful.
 - Deal with it as best you can, try to avoid causing harmful interference.

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 - This is rare and there are procedures to deal with this (ARRL Volunteer Monitors can help).



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Preventing Interference

Use common sense and courtesy



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- Know how to operate your equipment to reduce generated and received interference
- No one owns a frequency; be a good neighbor and share – have a "Plan B"
- Recognize special operations and special circumstances



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Are there any questions?

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