

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU GET A STOP SIGN AND WHAT DOES A STOP SIGN REALLY MEAN?

A STOP SIGN AFTER A SUCCESSFUL TRANSMISSION MEANS THAT THE STATION YOU ARE CALLING DID NOT COPY YOU.

YOUR NEXT MOVE SHOULD NOT BE TO IMMEDIATELY START TRANSMITTING AGAIN!!

CONSIDER WHY THE STATION DID NOT COPY YOU. **YOU MUST ASSUME THAT IT'S BECAUSE THE STATION IS TRYING TO TRANSMIT TO FINISH A QSO OR CALLING SOMEONE THEY WANT TO CONTACT.**

IF YOU JUST KEEP TRANSMITTING AND TRANSMITTING IT IS A LOSE-LOSE SITUATION FOR EVERYONE!

WHEN YOU GET A STOP SIGN ASSUME THEY ARE TRANSMITTING AND **EITHER WAIT AWHILE TO RE-TRANSMIT OR BETTER YET WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE THEIR CALL AGAIN AT WHICH POINT YOU KNOW THEY WILL BE LISTENING AGAIN.**

A STOP SIGN IS VALUABLE INFORMATION TO HAVE BUT YOU MUST USE THE INFORMATION IT PROVIDES YOU WISELY