



1. **When making the initial domestic call to another station, always send their call at least once followed by a "DE" and your call sign twice.** Why, because you don't know their receiving condition. Just because they're 10 over S9 on your "S" meter doesn't necessarily mean you're the same at their QTH.
2. **In the initial contact segment of the QSO, send your information twice.** It's the important information for the log and you want them to get it right. After that, you can send everything once. Not everyone uses a computer log.
3. **When sending the QTH spell it out.** Don't use East Texas, or Eastern PA. Again you want them to get it right for the log.
4. **Always start and end a transmission with the call of the other station followed by your call. Or, at least your call sign followed with a "K"!** We are supposed to identify every 10 minutes as stated in Part 97 anyway, and it's just a good habit to get into.
5. **Prior to calling CQ, check for a clear frequency by sending QRL at least 3 times with a 5 to 10 second pause between QRL's.** There might be a station in your dead zone that you may not hear. Or the band conditions aren't right for the antenna direction.
6. **Never respond to a station calling CQ at a slower speed than they're sending!** There are plenty of other frequencies where people will be sending at your speed, and just maybe, that station wants to practice at their sending speed. So show a little respect and crank up the speed to match there's.