
Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)

SVX Repeater Network — portal.be.svx.link — reflector: be.svx.link

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1. Purpose and scope

This network is provided for licensed amateur radio communications and technical experimentation using RF repeaters, RF links, hotspots and IP services connected through the SVX reflector.

This AUP applies to hotspot users, repeater/RF users, sysops, and all SVX portal/reflector services.

2. Compliance (BIPT + IARU)

All stations must comply with their national amateur radio authorisation and operating conditions. For Belgian stations, this includes BIPT requirements for correct identification and permitted traffic. Operators are also expected to follow IARU Region 1 operating ethics (listen first, do not interfere, be concise and courteous).

Minimum expectations:

- Use your own callsign and identify correctly on air (start/end of transmissions and regularly during longer QSOs).
- Operate only with authorised bands, power levels and emission types for your licence and location.
- Use plain language; no prohibited encryption/coding.
- No intentional interference, jamming, harassment or abusive behaviour.

3. Hotspot users (mandatory requirements)

Hotspot access is allowed only for licensed amateurs operating under their own identity.

3.1 Hotspot visibility (reflector enforcement)

Hotspot details must be visible on the network/portal status (callsign, node name/ID and location). Hotspots configured to hide or anonymise these details may be blocked by the reflector (be.svx.link) until corrected.

3.2 QTH address requirements (no fake addresses)

Hotspot users must use the QTH address as stated on their licence/station records. For mobile operation, the licence address is sufficient. Do not use a fake or misleading address.

3.3 Hotspot configuration and local RF behaviour

- Use the minimum RF power necessary and avoid causing local interference.
- Ensure the callsign is correctly transmitted/announced and that RF users identify properly.
- Do not allow unlicensed persons to transmit through your hotspot under your identity.
- Keep hotspot software and security updated to prevent misuse.

4. Repeater and RF users (etiquette)

Repeaters and linked RF resources are shared. Operators must use good amateur practice to keep the network usable for everyone.

- Listen before transmitting; confirm the channel/talkgroup is clear.
- Keep overs short and leave pauses to allow break-in or emergency traffic.
- Identify with your callsign; avoid 'kerchunking' (briefly keys up a repeater (hits PTT) without saying anything)
- If testing, identify and keep it brief.
- Follow net control instructions during scheduled nets, and respect local repeater rules.

5. Roles and enforcement

Users:

- Operate legally, identify correctly, and follow this AUP and IARU good practice.

Sysops (repeaters/gateways/links/hotspots) (portal refers to contact information):

- Maintain compliant configuration, identification and time-out protection.
- Provide a contact route for technical issues and interference reports.
- Coordinate with the reflector administrators when incidents affect the network.

Reflector / network administrators (ON6URE-ON4IT-ON7FQ-ON4AKH):

- Maintain the core services and protect network availability.
- Block or restrict nodes/users when needed to enforce this AUP (especially hidden hotspots or false identity/QTH).

Enforcement: Access is a privilege. Violations may result in warning, temporary restriction, or blocking. Severe cases (intentional interference, impersonation, hidden hotspot operation, or fake QTH) may be blocked immediately.

Key references:

BIPT: <https://www.bipt.be/consumers/faq/how-do-i-have-to-identify-during-communications>

BIPT: <https://www.bipt.be/consumers/faq/can-i-use-my-station-to-communicate-with-other-radio-amateurs>

IARU R1: <https://www.iaru-r1.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Eth-operating-IARU-ENGLISH-version3-2010-amended-2021.pdf>

IARU R1: <https://www.iaru-r1.org/on-the-air/spectrum-abuse/dx-code-of-conduct/>

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