



PROTECT YOUR RIGHT To Install Satellite Television

Over-The-Air Reception Devices

The Over-the-Air Reception Devices (OTARD) Rule was created to promote a fair and competitive market in which **any communications business** may compete.

Established in 1996, the rule (47 C.F.R Section 1.4000) was implemented to **prohibit governmental** and private restrictions that impair the ability of antenna users to install, maintain, or use over-the-air reception devices.

The Rule Applies If The Restriction:

- Unreasonably delays or prevents installation, maintenance, or use.
- Unreasonably increases the cost of installation, maintenance, or use.
- Precludes a person from receiving or transmitting an acceptable quality signal from an antenna covered under the rule.

Otard Covers The Following:

- A “dish” antenna that is one meter (39.37”) or less in diameter (or any size dish if located in Alaska) and is designed to receive **direct broadcast satellite** service, including direct-to-home satellite service, or to receive or transmit fixed wireless signals via satellite.
- An antenna that is one meter or less in diameter or diagonal measurement and is designed to receive video **programming services via broadband** radio service (wireless cable) or to receive or transmit fixed wireless signals other than via satellite.
- An antenna that is designed to receive **local television broadcast** signals.

The Rule applies to state and local laws, and community association rules, including:

- Zoning
- Apartment buildings
- Homeowners’ association rules
- Private covenants
- Lease restrictions
- Land-use or building regulations
- Condominium or cooperative association restrictions
- Exclusive use spaces like a balcony, terrace, deck, yards, gardens or patio

If you need help enforcing your OTARD rights, please visit us at www.sbca.com/otard and fill out a complaint form.

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