

Consumer Guide

Cancellation, Rescheduling or Refusal of Radio and TV Programs

The FCC does not control the programming schedules of radio or television stations, either broadcast or subscription services such as cable, satellite radio or satellite television. The FCC approves licenses for broadcast radio and television stations and regulates some aspects of their operations, but it does not impose rules for selecting and scheduling programs.

Scheduling programs

Radio and television broadcasters and subscription service providers are expected to be aware of the problems and needs of the communities they serve, and to present programs that address local issues. They are not required to air all programming that may be available to them from networks or other programming suppliers.

Complaints and concerns

All concerns or comments about radio or television programming should be directed to the broadcaster or subscription service provider so that the people responsible for making the programming decisions can be better informed about audience opinion.

Consumer Help Center

For more information on consumer issues, visit the FCC's Consumer Help Center at www.fcc.gov/consumers.

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