

# East Coast FM Complaint Form Programming Content

## ***Making a Complaint***

You **must** complete this form **in full**.

If you would like further help or advice, please contact one of the Station's staff on the number provided on this form below or by e-mail [complaints@eastcoast.fm](mailto:complaints@eastcoast.fm)

Under Section 48(1) of the Broadcasting Act 2009, any listener may refer a complaint to East Coast FM if they are unhappy about programme content on our broadcasting service, both radio and television, under the following categories:

- 48(1)(a)** objectivity & impartiality in news;
- 48(1)(a)** fairness, objectivity & impartiality in current affairs;
- 48(1)(b)** harm & offence (Code of Programme Standards);
- 48(1)(b)** law & order;
- 48(1)(c)** privacy of an individual.

Your complaint must be made no later than **30 days** after the date of the broadcast. Please note that if your complaint relates to two or more related broadcasts, it must be sent within 30 days of the later or latest of these broadcasts.

When submitting a complaint under b) harm & offence, complainants can refer to 'The Code of Programme Standards'. This Code details a range of factors that may be taken into account when determining whether programme material is harmful or offensive. The main headings in the Code are: -

Content Principles	Content Rules
<p><b>2.1</b> General Community Standards</p> <p><b>2.2</b> Due Care</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">2.2.1 audience information &amp; guidance</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">2.2.2 identification with characters, actions and personal circumstances</p> <p><b>2.3</b> Protection for Children</p> <p><b>2.4</b> Assessment - programme material shall be assessed in whole and in context</p>	<p><b>3.1</b> Violent Programme Material</p> <p><b>3.2</b> Sexual conduct</p> <p><b>3.3</b> Coarse &amp; Offensive Language</p> <p><b>3.4</b> Persons and Groups in Society</p> <p><b>3.5</b> Factual Programming – News, Current Affairs and Documentaries</p> <p><b>3.6.</b> Children's Programming</p> <p><b>3.7</b> Drugs, Alcohol and Solvent Abuse</p> <p><b>3.8</b> Imitative Behaviour</p>

A copy of the Code is available on the bai website, [www.bai.ie](http://www.bai.ie) or on request from the BAI's offices.

For office use only: Ref. No.

<b>Details of complaint</b>	<b>Please complete these details in full.</b>
Name of Station	
Programme Title / Broadcast Item	
Programme date: dd/mm/yr	
Time of broadcast (if applicable)	

<b>Is the complaint an infringement of:</b>	<b>Please select relevant category</b>
48(1)(a) Objectivity & Impartiality in news	
48(1)(a) Fairness, Objectivity & Impartiality in current affairs	
48(1)(b) Harm & Offence (Code of Programme Standards)	
48(1)(b) Law & Order	
48(1)(c) Privacy of an individual	

Please complete this section **briefly**, summarising the main points of your complaint (alternatively, you may attach your complaint to this form).



Date (form completed):

**Complainant:***Please complete these details in full.*

Surname	
First Name	
Mr. / Mrs. / Ms.	
Address	
Daytime Phone Number	
Email (if applicable)	
Fax Number (if applicable)	

*The personal contact details submitted are for use by the Station only.*

*All complaints considered by the Station are kept confidential, unless the complainant is unhappy and decides to refer their complaint to the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland (BAI).*

	Yes	No

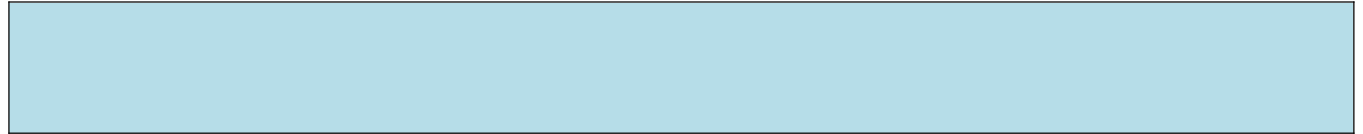
If you have answered yes, please give details: -

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*Any correspondence relating to this complaint should be attached to this form.*

Is the matter complained of the subject of any proceedings in a court of law in the Republic of Ireland?

Yes	No



**To finish, please read through the above form to ensure all your details are correct.**

**You may post, e-mail this complaint form to East Coast FM. The relevant contact details are: -**

**East Coast FM**

Killarney Rd,

Bray,

Co Wicklow

Tel: +353 1 2724700

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