

1st STOP CHECKLIST: RADIO & TELEVISION BROADCASTING

REQUIREMENTS & REGULATIONS

- [] Radio and television broadcasting systems must be licensed by the **Federal Communications Commission (FCC)**. Contact the FCC at **(888) 225-5322**. The FCC is on-line at www.fcc.gov.
- [] If you will feature recorded or live **music**, you must have permission from the owner of the copyrighted material. You can do this by contacting **The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP)**, or **Broadcast Music, Incorporated (BMI)**. For more information, contact **ASCAP** at **(800) 505-4052**, or **BMI** at **(212) 220-3000**. Information is also on-line at www.ascap.com, or www.bmi.com.
- [] Ohio's broadcasting over radio or television laws can be found in **Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 101.76**.
- [] The **Ohio Revised Code** and the **Ohio Administrative Code** can be found in your local library or on-line at <http://codes.ohio.gov>.

For more help, contact your local Small Business Development Center (SBDC).

www.ohiosbdc.ohio.gov

REMEMBER TO CHECK LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

THIS CHECKLIST IS ABOUT STATE REQUIREMENTS.