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Subject: Old people with electronics

Posted by [Ross Rakoff](#) on Fri, 28 Jul 2006 18:09:15 GMT

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My dad just got a surround sound system with a \$500 Reciever. For his conveniece in his old age he wants to set up a clapper to the reciever so he can turn it off with the sound of a clap by shutting off the power to the reciever and not pressing the actual on/off button. Can this potentially be bad for the reciever???

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Subject: Re: Old people with electronics

Posted by [sub-zero](#) on Sat, 29 Jul 2006 03:10:48 GMT

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Hmm, not sure, but I wonder how it would work if he is watching a movie and someone starts clapping? LOL

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Subject: Re: Old people with electronics

Posted by [Ross Rakoff](#) on Sat, 29 Jul 2006 16:10:41 GMT

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I think as long as every viewer keeps in mind that the creators and the actors in the movie aren't present then theres no need for clapping because they won't hear the clapping, so there is no point to do it. I hate when people do that at the theatre at the end of a movie. It's just dumb. Another thing to be afraid of I guess is if theres clapping in the movie he's watching ( : .

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Subject: Re: Old people with electronics

Posted by [Bill Fitzmaurice](#) on Sun, 30 Jul 2006 23:01:32 GMT

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It probably won't work. Most modern gear, receivers or TVs, are always 'on',the power switch only affects the output circuitry. Disconnect the power and you have to reprogram the unit when you reconnect.

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Subject: Re: Old people with electronics

Posted by [telegraph.hill](#) on Wed, 02 Aug 2006 22:04:42 GMT

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Sometimes people clap when they're amazed at something, though - even though it's not intended as applause. So there could be some complications.

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Subject: Re: Old people with electronics

Posted by [matefork](#) on Sun, 06 Aug 2006 01:07:08 GMT

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Well, for me it's not practical because every noise can affect the said unit and this could cause some problems.

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Subject: Re: Old people with electronics

Posted by [telegraph.hill](#) on Sun, 06 Aug 2006 11:10:25 GMT

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Yeah - where we live there tends to be a lot of background noise too. Mind you, we do not need such a facility.

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Subject: Re: Old people with electronics

Posted by [Bill Fitzmaurice](#) on Mon, 07 Aug 2006 21:37:51 GMT

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So what happens if you use a TV with a 'clapper' and someone on the TV claps?

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Subject: Re: Old people with electronics

Posted by [telegraph.hill](#) on Tue, 08 Aug 2006 14:39:30 GMT

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Yes, that might present a problem. But the sound of someone actually clapping, and the sound of someone clapping on tv are rather different: there is a greater range of frequencies for someone actually clapping in the room

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Subject: Re: Old people with electronics  
Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Sat, 12 Aug 2006 04:03:18 GMT  
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The sound isn't so different if the sound system is any good. Is this not the silliest thread you guys have ever seen?

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Subject: Re: Old people with electronics  
Posted by [shinningstar](#) on Tue, 29 May 2007 06:08:00 GMT  
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Wow! It sounds that you've got a cool dad. I have'nt tried setting up a clapper to the reciever ever since.

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Subject: Re: Old people with electronics  
Posted by [randle](#) on Thu, 14 Jun 2007 20:16:48 GMT  
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I don't think you guys are understanding the concept behind the clapper. The clapper is a way to turn off electronics and or other things like your lights with just a simple sound of a clap. I don't think that it would cause a problem with the reciever at all, it would be just like him turning it on and off.

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