

Cardiac pacemakers and other implanted devices

There is no evidence to suggest that radio frequency fields from radio base stations can interfere with cardiac pacemakers or other implanted medical devices so long as the exposure levels from the radio base station are within the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) guidelines.

There is some potential for a mobile phone or device to interfere with a pacemaker. The <u>British</u> Heart Foundation recommends

"When you use your phone, always use the ear on the opposite side to your implanted device and don't put the phone in a chest pocket that is on the same side as your pacemaker".

For further information, contact the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency on 0203 080 6000 or access the website at www.mhra.gov.uk.

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