

Johns Hopkins Safety Manual	<i>Policy Number</i>	HSE 010
<i>Subject:</i> Non-Clinical, Patient-Contact Electrical Equipment In JHH	<i>Last Review Date</i>	9/28/11
	<i>Page</i>	1 of 1

POLICY

It is the policy of The Johns Hopkins Hospital to limit the use of non-clinical, electrical equipment in patient rooms. Devices such as electric razors, personal computers, and entertainment equipment are allowable if in good physical condition and permitted by the nurse manager or designee.

The following devices are prohibited in the patient's room:

- a. Television sets brought in by patients. (The Hospital has television sets available for patients.)
- b. All radio-frequency transmitting devices (CB, amateur radio, business-band radios and walkie talkies), except for internal communications by Hospital personnel (see also Policy HSE 016, Portable/Hand-Held Radio Frequency Transmitters).
- c. Extension cords, except for emergency use.
- d. All electrical heating devices, including electric heating pads and blankets, space heaters, curling irons, hair dryers, coffee makers, hot plates, microwave ovens, and other cooking devices, are prohibited with the exception of hair dryers that have a built in GFCI (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter) and sturdy construction are acceptable.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Clinical Engineering Services

Available for advice on physical condition of equipment and on devices prohibited.

Clinical Staff

Contact nurse manager or designee for requests by patients to use non-clinical electrical equipment, or CES for consultation on physical condition of equipment and on devices prohibited

SPONSOR

Director, Clinical Engineering Services

REVIEW CYCLE

Annually