

HSO SPOTLIGHT No. 014-2007: Deviation for Introduction of Cell Phones and BlackBerry-Type Devices in Headquarters (HQ) Security Areas

What is the issue:	Bringing Cell Phones and BlackBerry-Type Devices into HQ Security Areas
Why do we need this?:	Optional use of Radio Frequency (RF) bags to secure cell phones/BlackBerry-type devices in HQ Security Areas
Who is impacted?:	Any individual working in, entering, or receiving visitors to a HQ Security Area
What does the HSO need to do?:	Distribute information to his/her organizational personnel

This is to remind DOE HQ personnel that the Chief, Office of Health, Safety and Security issued a memorandum dated November 13, 2006, to the Heads of HQ Elements notifying them of a deviation allowing certain portable electronic devices in Security Areas. This deviation, approved by the Cognizant Security Authority for HQ, provides Elements the option to allow Cell Phones and BlackBerry-type devices to be brought into Security Areas using an RF bag.

RF bags are an approved method to secure cell phones and BlackBerry-type devices within Limited Areas (LAs) or Exclusion Areas (EAs). Since some organizations prefer for these types of devices to remain outside of their Security Area(s), the option to use an RF bag is at the discretion of the organization overseeing the LA/EA.

If you work in, or enter into, an LA or EA that allows the use of RF bags, and possess a cell phone or BlackBerry-type device, the device(s) must be in the off position or have the battery removed and placed and sealed in an RF bag. Areas that allow the use of RF bags will have signs posted. If there is no sign posted allowing the use of RF bags, then you may not bring the devices into the Security Area.

If you receive or escort visitors into an LA or EA, these same rules and restrictions apply for any cell phone or BlackBerry-type device the visitors may possess. The Headquarters Security Officer for the Security Area can provide an RF bag for the visitor's use.

Remember, cell phones and BlackBerry-type devices must not be taken out of the RF bag while in the Security Area.

If you occupy a Security Area that allows the use of RF bags, you may obtain one from your HSO. You will be asked to complete a Cellular Telephone/ BlackBerry-type Devices Security Areas Users Code of Conduct. This Code of Conduct will be maintained on file with the HSO and a copy provided to IM-32.

Note: This deviation only applies to cell phones and BlackBerry-type devices **without** video (motion and sound) recording capabilities.

Attached for your information is a copy of the June 6, 2006, approved Headquarters Deviation Request on controlled articles and a copy of the "Cellular Telephone/ BlackBerry-type Devices in Security Areas Users Code of Conduct."

If you have any questions on the RF bag deviation, please call Ed Szymanski on 3-9977.

- [Cell Phone Users Code of Conduct RF-Bag 5-07](#)
- [Approved Deviation request ONLY](#)