



FRA EO 26 – Electronic and Electrical Device Flow Chart

Use of Personal or RR supplied electronic/electrical devices may NOT interfere with RR operating employees performance of safety related duties

Use of RR supplied electronic/electrical devices PROHIBITED when:

Personal electronic/electrical devices MUST BE TURNED OFF with earpiece removed when:
(other than a hearing aid device)

Other RR Operating Employee*

Locomotive Engineer/ RCO

All RR Operating Employees*

On a moving train unless:

Authorized for business purpose

A safety briefing is held

Crew agrees it is safe to do so

or

Authorized business purpose within the body of a passenger train or RR business car

Outside the cab unless:

Not fouling a track

No Switching Operation is underway

No other safety related duties

All crew members have been briefed that operations are suspended

On a moving train

or

When a duty requires any crew member to be on the ground

or

When a crew member is riding rolling equipment during a switching operation

and

During any period when another employee of the RR is assisting in preparation of the train

On a moving train

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When a duty requires any crew member to be on the ground

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When a crew member is riding rolling equipment during a switching operation

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During any period when another employee of the RR is assisting in preparation of the train

Exceptions:

(1) May use digital storage and display function of personal or RR supplied device to refer to RR rule, SI, TT, other directive, if authorized by RR operating rule or instruction:

(2) May use Personal or RR supplied device as necessary to respond to an emergency involving the operation of the RR;

(3) Engineer/RCO may use electronic control systems and information displays presented within locomotive cab or on RCO transmitter including functions associated with controlling switches:

(4) Under authorized conditions of 49 CFR 220, may use a RR supplied/authorized device in lieu of RR radio, to conduct train or switching operations:

(5) May refer to a digital timepiece to ascertain time of day or verify accuracy of speed indicators.

Note:

WHILE ON DUTY use of personal electronic/electrical devices for other than voice communication is prohibited except as noted above

*Means a person performing duties subject to 49 U.S.C. 21103, "limitation on duty hours of train employees."