

Patient Information

Estates & Facilities

Privately Owned Electrical Equipment Brought in by Patients for Use on Hospital Premises

Equipment used by patients whilst in the hospital is restricted to small items which are powered by:

- batteries
- a low voltage plug adaptor
- inline charging adaptor which has an output of less than 25 volts

The voltage is usually shown on the label attached to the adaptor casing.

If you are unsure about the suitability of an adaptor or the equipment you have brought in, then you should speak to a member of staff. It may be necessary for the member of staff to contact the on-site electrician for advice. In this case, the equipment is not to be used until it has been checked by the electrician. This could take up to 12 hours.

The equipment, its in-line adaptor and its associated mains lead and plug must be visually in good condition and be inspected for damage by the ward staff before being used on Trust premises.

Any damaged equipment, adaptors, plugs, mains leads or in-line adaptors will be immediately withdrawn from use and if necessary retained by staff until the item is replaced or repaired.

Items which patients may bring in and use on hospital premises include:

- Laptop computers / Tablet computers
- Personal MP3 / music / video / photo players (with earphones attached)
- Hand held televisions (with earphones attached)



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- Small personal DVD players (with earphones attached)
- Personal CD players or radios (with earphones attached)
- Mobile phone chargers
- Patient connected electrical medical devices

Items which patients should not bring onto hospital premises

Any electrical appliance which runs on direct mains power (220-250 volt) such as:

- Portable televisions on direct mains power (such as a standard TV set)
- Hi-Fi / Radio / CD / DVD players on direct mains power
- Hair dryers, hair tongs, hair straighteners, or similar appliances
- Mains extension leads
- Any cooking appliances including kettles, toasters, or tea/coffee cup heating elements
- Mini drinks fridges
- Fan heaters
- Table top cooling fans

The above lists are not exhaustive.

Electrical sockets are primarily for the use of medical equipment. Patients may only use an electrical socket when one becomes available which is not required for clinical use.

The Trust reserves the right to prevent the use of, or remove from use, any electrical item which contravenes this guidance and/or statutory regulations.

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The Trust Fire Safety Manager

University Hospital, Clifford Bridge Road, Coventry CV2 2DX

Tel: 024 7697 8250

The Trust Fire Safety Manager can be contacted between the hours of 9.00am – 4.00pm

The Trust has access to interpreting and translation services. If you need this information in another language or format, please contact 02476 968250 and we will do our best to meet your needs.

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