



# FRA EO 26 – Electronic and Electrical Device Flow Chart

When are RR operating employees prohibited from using electronic and electrical devices?

**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**

During switching Operations when:

Duty requires crew member to be on the ground

Crew member is riding rolling equipment during a switching operation

When another employee of the RR is assisting in preparation of the train (e.g., air brake test)

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### Exceptions:

May use electronic control systems/informational displays within the cab or on remote control transmitter; or remote transmitter to operate or conduct switching operations (e.g. switches)

Employee may refer to a digital timepiece to ascertain time of day/verify accuracy of speed indicator

Employee may use during an operating emergency, radio failure; or to reference electronically stored rules

As authorized under 49 CFR 220, may use RR supplied or authorized in lieu of RR radio to conduct operations

### Note:

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."