

CARRYING PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICES (PED) GUIDANCE FAQs



Note: installation duty holders and helicopter operators retain the right to enforce rules above and beyond those detailed in the guidance document.

Question	Answer
What constitutes a 'protective case'?	A protective case is a commonly available hard or soft case, purpose built for that model of PED. It is designed to prevent the device from being damaged if dropped or hit.
What happens if I arrive at the heliport and I don't have a protective case for my phone or my protective case is damaged?	It is the passenger's responsibility to ensure that their PEDs are fit to travel. If they do not meet the minimum requirements, they may not be allowed to travel.
Will training be given to those who search baggage?	Yes, training is being devised and will be delivered to baggage searchers in advance of 1 st July 2025.
My earbuds/laptop/ headphones/e-reader don't fully switch off. Can these be taken offshore?	Every PED must be in its safest mode possible, i.e. in-flight safe mode and powered down. However, this is not possible with some devices, e.g. earbuds. Laptops, e-readers etc which are activated when opened must set to airplane mode and stored in a case which prevents them being accidentally opened and activated. They can then be taken offshore. Many devices with an auto-switch on function can have this disabled. Note: individual helicopter operators may have restrictions above and beyond this.
Can I travel with my electric toothbrush which is Bluetooth enabled?	If the PED can be switched off, it can be taken if transported in a protective case. If it can be switched on without a manually activated button, it cannot travel.
Can trainers with batteries be transported in helicopters?	Trainers (or other clothing) with batteries are not permitted to travel.
I require lots of PEDs for my work. Does this affect my six person PED allocation?	Work equipment is not included in the allocated six personal PEDs. Work equipment must be packed safely, declared to the helicopter operator and travel as freight.
The new rules come into effect on 1 st July 2025. What if I'm already offshore then and I need to return by helicopter carrying items that are not allowed?	To accommodate shift working, there will be a 3-week grace period to the rules being applied on inbound flights.
Am I now allowed to wear a fitness watch?	Yes. As with analogue watches, they can be worn on the wrist on top of your flight suit. Therefore, the watch must be taken off before donning the flight suit and fastened on top of the flight suit wrist seal.
To which regions do these rules apply?	These rules apply to UK waters only.