



Statement on behalf of Neil Odin, NFCC Chair of Prevention:

The NFCC has been made aware of a potential concern of electrical disruption between pacemakers and some of the hard of hearing equipment fitted by Fire & Rescue Services.

The NFCC recommend that Fire & Rescue Services only fit this type of equipment in homes, where an individual has a pacemaker fitted, once the individual has gained expert medical and/or manufacturers guidance around the suitability with their pacemaker and the hard of hearing equipment.

It would be advisable to also add this information around seeking expert guidance to any disclaimer left with the occupier by Fire and Rescue Services, for their awareness if in the future they do have a pacemaker fitted.

The NFCC are not aware of any incidents where disruption to a pacemaker has occurred and deem the risk low. Individuals who have had a pacemaker fitted would have had some generic guidance around their pacemaker by medical professionals when fitted.

If Fire & Rescue Services feel the need to inform previous occupiers where they have fitted this type of equipment without prior discussion, then this will be dealt with by each individual Fire & Rescue Service.

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If Fire and Rescue Services have any questions or enquiries please email NFCCadminsupport@nationalfirechiefs.org.uk