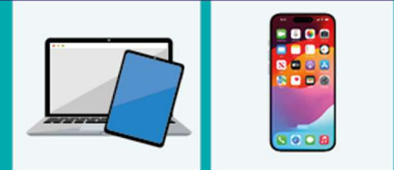


CARRYING PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICES (PED) GUIDANCE FAQs



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, or a manufacturers bag, 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 phone, or device, 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.
What does damage mean, any examples?	The examples below were supplied by the helicopter operators. Many phones have the battery as a main component, and they sit under the rear cover. If this is cracked moisture can ingress into the battery compartment.
Pictures of damaged devices rejected by security at heliport	Examples of damaged phones found at security:

Picture of iPhone Battery compartment – Under rear cover	
Is training given to the security staff who search the baggage?	Training has been delivered to security staff and refresher training is carried out regularly.
What will security check?	Security will check that the PED is in good, undamaged condition, including the rear case. Security may require a phone or the device to be removed from its protective case.
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. powered down as a minimum. However, this is not possible with some devices, e.g. earbuds. Laptops, e-readers etc. which are activated when opened must be set to airplane mode, flight safe mode (if possible), 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 any form of batteries in them are not permitted to travel.
I require lots of PEDs for my work. Does this affect my six personal 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.

What about Google Glasses, games consoles, headphones?	These are <u>not permitted</u> in the helicopter cabin, and must be carried, safely stowed, in checked in bags, fully switched off. These will also be part of the “six” permitted items. Note: individual helicopter and energy operators may have restrictions above and beyond this.
Are there any restrictions on items carried as cargo?	Batteries carried as cargo, and fitted to tools carried as cargo, must only be at a 30% charge to meet international dangerous goods legislation. Individual helicopter operators can provide specific requirements.
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 survival suit wrist seal. These must be switched off or in-flight mode, where possible.
To which regions do these rules apply?	These rules apply to UK waters only. Other European regions, Norway, Netherlands, are developing similar guidance.
What checks will there be?	There will be questions at check in, both on and offshore and security. When checking in Offshore, the PED needs to be switched off and the bag pocket which the PED packed in is then secured with a ty-wrap or similar tamper proof lock.
Can I take my vape liquid offshore separate from the PED	No. Vape liquids are classed as Dangerous Air Cargo due to the ingredients contained in them. These are <u>not permitted</u> to be carried in the cabin or in checked bags.
Will anything happen inbound at the heliport?	A minimum of 10% of all inbound flights or selected baggage is subject to a mandatory check. Individual companies and locations may make checks more often, dependent on results of the checks.
What about car keys, Air Tag trackers	Car keys, AirTags and digital watches are not treated as PEDs.
Are there any restrictions on items carried as cargo?	Yes, these are detailed and variable. Please refer to individual helicopter operators as guidance.

Are there any restrictions on carrying PEDS on connecting Fixed Wing Flights, or coming onshore from walk to work vessels?	Fixed Wing flights connected with offshore helicopter flights, i.e. via Shetland, will normally be treated with the same processes as helicopter flights as regards PEDs. Inbound flights from offshore platforms, vessels, jack ups, and any energy facility, should also be managed in the same way as a outbound flights.