

4-04/020.15 Searching a Person with a Pacemaker or Other Medical Implant

With respect to cardiac pacemakers implants, stationary metal detectors in compliance with the National Institute of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Standards have not inhibited, improperly stimulated or interfered with the programming of pacemakers.

However, the hand-held style metal detectors and walk-through metal detectors such as those used at our facilities have the potential to activate medical implant devices. A person with a medical implant such as a Heart Defibrillator, Insulin Pump or Morphine Pump should not pass through a walk through detector or have a hand-wand detector used on them, as there is a slight chance of activating these devices. These persons should be hand searched. A person with a pacemaker, should have no adverse problem walking through a metal detector or having a hand-wand detector used on them, as pacemaker activation is not life threatening. A pat-down type search can be used anytime a person feels uncomfortable being searched using the walk through metal detector or having a hand wand used on them, such as those medical implant devices or due to pregnancy. All persons entering the courthouse will be searched.
