

## **OSFA POLICY ON ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND MOBILE PHONES**

In response to the increased potential for cheating and the disturbance of other trainees, the National School of Healthcare Science (NSHCS) will follow the strict appliance of the following rules regarding the use of electronic devices and mobile phones during assessments. It is accepted that for reasons of personal safety, including emergency contact with friends and family, trainees cannot be forced to leave mobile telephones behind when attending the day of the OSFA. However, the NSHCS reserves the right to insist that trainees leave any telephones in the designated secure storage at the place of the OSFA for the duration of the OSFA.

Trainees found with concealed mobile telephones or other electronic devices during the OSFA, will have breached the assessment regulations and this may impact on registration should the trainee subsequently pass the OSFA.

For the OSFA trainees should ensure the following action is taken regarding mobile phones/electronic devices:

- On arrival at the main reception area switch the device off in front of reception staff.
- Store the device in the secure locker/luggage for the duration of time at the OSFA venue.

### **Non-compliance**

Failure to comply with these requirements may lead to disqualification from the OSFA. The following constitutes non-compliance of the above rules:

- A mobile phone or electronic device found in the possession of a trainee during the OSFA
- The ringing, vibrating or any audible noise heard from a mobile phone or electronic device whilst an OSFA it taking place.

OSFA candidates are not permitted to take any electronic device with them to the assessment. This includes:

- Calculator; laptop; electronic tablet; recording device; MP3 player; bleeper; timing device including analogue and digital watches.

If any type of electronic device is required as part of an OSFA station, then it will be supplied by the NSHCS.

A time check will be given by each OSFA assessor and trainees will hear a number of time and action related announcements.