



SAFETY COMMUNICATION: Smart Devices

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Smart Devices & Emergency Services

A recent incident at an ORCi (Oval Racing Circuit International) venue, resulted in an Emergency response from Fire, Medics and Police Services. This response was triggered by a smart device on the driver at the time of the incident.

Drivers should be wary of any smart devices on their person during racing. Some have impact and distress technology built into them, which could trigger responses from emergency services.

These devices, if they have this feature enabled, should not be worn or on your person during racing. If the device has the feature enabled, you can continue to use provided the feature is turned off.

Smart medical alert watches should also be considered. Where a medical watch is used, please consider ensuring the medical information section within your members licence for use by the medical personnel.

Examples of Smart Watches with this Feature

Apple Watch SE or Series 4 or later

Samsung Galaxy Watch 4 or later

Garmin Vivoactive 3 Music, Fenix Plus Series, Forerunner 645 Music

This list is not exhaustive.

Examples of Smart Phones with this Feature

Apple iPhone Series 8 or later

Samsung Galaxy J1 or later

Huawei Nova 7i or later

Google Pixel Series 3 or later

This list is not exhaustive.

Additional Consideration

Some smart phones use Bluetooth to connect to the smart watch, where this is the case that watch may be unable to call emergency services without being in range of the phone.

Alternatively, some smart watches have an e-sim (Electronic Sim) that allows for the watch to send messages and make calls without being in range of the phone. Watches with this form of connectivity are the most susceptible to making an emergency call without realising.



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Queries

For any queries regarding this Safety Communication, please feel free to contact the safety team to discuss.

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