

8. Summary

In summary, construction employers and their employees should be concerned about RF radiation if they perform work on rooftops, sides of buildings, or on structures where telecommunications equipment is present because:

Employers should train their employees to:

- Understand the hazard

- Recognize devices

- Follow the instructions on signs and barriers

- Stay away from antennas -- never touch an antenna, do not stop in front of or close to an antenna, or take breaks on the rooftop where antennas are present

- If signs and barriers are not available, stay at least 6 feet away from a single antenna and at least 10 feet away from a cluster of antennas

- Use personal monitors and protective clothing properly if work cannot be performed a safe distance from the antenna(s)

- Recognize the symptoms and understand the risks associated with wearing a pacemaker or other medical device.

Both employers and employees should know what to do and where to go if they suspect they are in danger.

- Leave the work area immediately

Workers should know to:

- Contact their supervisor

- Contact their union

Employers should know to:

- Contact the building managers and the antenna licensee to have the equipment powered down or moved, and, if they are unresponsive, to contact the FCC to file a complaint.