



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE SPECIAL OPERATIONS SCHOOL (AFSOC)



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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

FROM: USAFSOS/CC

SUBJECT: Use of Portable Electronic Devices (PEDs) in Building 90503

- References:
- (a) USSOCOM Directive 380-19
 - (b) AFSSI 7702, *Emissions Security Countermeasures*
 - (c) AFI 10-701_AFGM2018-01, *Operations Security (OPSEC)*
 - (d) AFI 16-1404, *Air Force Information Security Program*
 - (e) AFMAN 17-1301, *Computer Security (COMPUSEC)*
 - (f) AFSOC Policy, *Use of Portable Electronic Devices during AFSOC Missions (Jul 13, 2018)*
 - (g) Technical Order 00-35B-5008 (*Remanence Security*)

1. “Portable electronic device” (PED) is a generic term for non-stationary electronic devices with the capability of recording, storing, and/or transmitting information. This includes, but is not limited to Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs), cellular/personal communications service phones, two-way pagers, Mi-Fi, email devices, smart watches/jewelry, audio/video recording devices such as GoPros, and hand-held/laptop computers.

2. Use of PEDs, regardless of ownership (personal, contractor, or government), is authorized unless specifically exempted by this policy. If exempted, the PED shall be left with Student Support in a silenced configuration. The following guidelines will be adhered to without exception:

3. Requirements:

a. All PEDS will adhere to all separation restrictions, in accordance with AFSSI 7702, Emissions Security Countermeasures Review. This distance is 3-meter radius sphere (~10 feet) when wireless is active and 0.5 meters (~20 inches) when wireless is disabled.

b. The permanent exclusion zone is on the 2nd floor, extension side of building 90503, outside of rooms 201E and 203E. Personnel shall not roam or loiter in the hallway with a PED. Low-powered device users that are moving/traveling (non-stationary) through the area and breach the 1-meter area boundary present a low TEMPEST risk as long as they clear the area expeditiously (ref. AFSSI7702, TIM2016-01)

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c. Periodic exclusion zones exist whenever and wherever classified information is processed or discussed on a temporary basis. “Classified in Use” signs shall be illuminated or signs shall be visibly posted outside of classrooms or offices processing/discussing classified material.

d. No equipment shall be moved without the approval of USAFSOS Cyber Ops to ensure TEMPEST compliance

e. To have a PED in the building, all personnel (permanent party, students, and guests) shall accept and agree:

(1) That PEDs discovered during classified processing/discussion, regardless if the device was on or off, become Air Force property and shall be surrendered to the Course Director, an ISSO, Security Manager, or Commander. An investigation shall ascertain if the device can be returned.

(2) That audio or video recording of courses is prohibited to ensure academic freedom, protection of any proprietary material in the speaker’s presentation, and to mitigate the possibility of sensitive audio, imagery, or data contaminating the device.

(3) To clear a classroom or office of PEDs before any classified is processed/discussed.

(4) To disable “Mi-Fi” or wireless hotspots on their devices. If unable to disable these functions, leave the device at Student Support.

4. C-ISP wireless access points (“USAFSOS_Guest” Wi-Fi) are installed throughout the building for user and device agnostic quality-of-life connectivity. These may be used in support of academics when the risk is accepted for that course by the Commandant and approval is documented in the course syllabus.

5. The Dean and Course Director shall carefully consider the risk and need for PEDs in a course. If approved by the Commander, the course director shall continuously monitor course proceedings to ensure no classified information is talked-around or overtly discussed.

6. AFSOC-issued electronic flight bags (EFB) are authorized during classified briefings if the wireless, Bluetooth, microphone, and camera are disabled. The camera lens must remain covered at all times.

7. Violations to policy: If found in violation of this policy, the 492 SOTRG or USAFSOS may take the following actions:

a. Confiscation of the device (ref. AFI16-1404, para 5.1.7.3).

b. The student may be removed from class for the remainder of the course and possibly prohibited from attending other courses in the future.

c. Device may be provided to USAFSOS Chief of Cyber Operations for investigation and disposition with concurrence of the USAFSOS/CC.

d. USAFSOS/CC may notify the member's commander regarding the violation(s).

e. Punitive actions for failure to comply with this policy will result in administrative, disciplinary, criminal, and/or other appropriate actions.

8. Courses at locations other than Bldg. 90503 will adhere to the owning agency protocols for PED use.

9. Refer all further inquiries to the Chief of Cyber Operations, Capt. Michael A. Hollis, at DSN 579-2667.

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Commander

Attachment:
Building 90503 TEMPEST Exclusion Zones