

# MRI SAFETY STARTS BEFORE THE SCAN

## 8 checks that help keep patients safe



### Check for implants and medical devices.

Pacemakers, neurostimulators, aneurysm clips, insulin pumps and glucose monitors must always be assessed before MRI.



### Confirm all items are MR Safe or MR Conditional.

Any uncertainty should be checked before proceeding. Never assume an implant, device or accessory is safe for MRI.

### Ask about previous surgery.

Patients may be unclear about every implant or procedure. Clarifying surgical history can help identify potential MRI risks.



### Control access to the MRI environment.

The MRI magnet is always on. Only appropriately screened patients, staff and equipment should enter controlled areas.



### Don't forget everyday wearable technology.

Smart watches, fitness trackers, hearing aids and other electronic devices must be removed before entering an MRI environment.



### Communicate clearly with patients.

Effective communication helps identify potential risks, improves patient understanding and supports a safer scan experience.

### Look beyond obvious metal objects.

Jewellery, hair accessories, magnetic eyelashes and some cosmetics like nail varnish may contain metallic components that require further assessment.



### If in doubt, stop and check.

Taking time to verify information is always safer than making assumptions.

