

# MRI SAFETY GUIDELINES



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## **MRI Safety Reminders: About the MRI Scanner**

- 1]** The magnet is **ALWAYS ON**
- 2]** The magnetic field is **VERY STRONG** and gets stronger the closer you are
- 3]** Ferromagnetic objects [metal framed glasses, key rings, pocket watches, etc.] are **STRONGLY ATTRACTED** to the MRI Scanner
- 4]** Ferromagnetic objects can become **LETHAL MISSILES** in the MRI magnetic field!

## **\*Safety Measures –**

- 1]** fill out an MRI Clearance Form before entering the MRI Scan Room to be sure that it is safe for you to enter
  - 2]** check with the MRI Technologist before entering the MRI Scan Room, or before escorting a patient into the MRI Scan Room
  - 3]** remove any ferromagnetic objects that are on you or in your pockets
  - 4]** **DO NOT** take any equipment [wheelchair, gurney, O<sub>2</sub> bottles, etc] into the MRI Scan Room that has not been cleared by the MRI Technologist as “MRI Safe”. Note: even “sand bags” may contain iron pellets which are not approved for the MRI Scan Room.
- Finally – if you don’t know** if you should enter the MRI Scan Room; or, **if you are uncertain** if an item or piece of equipment should be taken into the MRI Scan Room – **DON’T**. **Ask the MRI Technologist!**