

MPE Calculations

Alien Technology has evaluated the Maximum Permissible Exposure (MPE) calculations and recommends the minimum separation distance from the Smartenna reader's antenna to be 23 cm in an uncontrolled exposure. See Caution Statement on page 2 of the Hardware Setup Guide.

Uncontrolled exposure

From the guidelines in OTE bulletin 65, for the general population, in a uncontrolled exposure, we have determined an upper MPE limit

The power density guideline is

$$\frac{f}{1500} = 0.601 \frac{mW}{cm^2} \text{ or } 6.01 \frac{W}{m^2} \quad f = \text{frequency} = 902 \text{ Mhz (worst case)}$$

The field strength for this power density is

$$E = V/m = \left[\left(\frac{W}{m^2} \right) \cdot 377 \right]^{1/2}$$

$$E = [(6.01) \cdot (377)]^{1/2} = 47.6 \frac{V}{m}$$

If one takes this field strength along with the maximum radiated power of 4 watts EIRP into the equation (Antenna Gain (dBi) + power output (dBW))

$$P_{Trans} = \frac{4 \cdot \pi \cdot d^2}{377} \cdot (E)^2 \quad d = \text{minimum distance from antenna}$$

The minimum distance at which persons must keep away in a uncontrolled exposure is,

$$d = \left[\frac{(P_{Trans} \cdot 377)}{4 \cdot \pi \cdot E^2} \right]^{1/2} = \left[\frac{(4 \cdot 377)}{4 \cdot \pi \cdot (47.6)^2} \right]^{1/2} = 0.23m = 23cm$$

Definitions

Power Density

$$\frac{W}{cm^2} = \frac{\left(\frac{V}{cm} \right)^2}{377} \quad 1 \text{ cm}^2 = 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2$$