Dealing with Regulation
The Joint Commission
Enter the Joint Commission

[Image: Text that reads “LEAD POISONING” with a textured background]
Way back when....
Metal Fatigue
Lead on Pegs

EC 02.02.01 (EP7): “The hospital minimizes risks associated with selecting and using hazardous energy sources. Note: Hazardous energy is produced by both ionizing equipment (radiation and x-ray equipment) and nonionizing equipment (for example, lasers and MRIs.)”
Over 450 man-hours
Thousands of $$$

Got Dots?

PRIOR TO USE
CHECK YOUR
LEAD APRONS & THYROID SHIELDS
FOR DOTS & RFID TAG

VERIFY RFID TAG ON EACH ITEM

RADIATION SAFETY TIME OUT

Wrong color DOT?
RFID missing?
Dirty Lead? Tears?
DON'T WEAR IT
Tell your BAIMS Coordinator
or Radiation Safety

CORRECT COLOR DOT = ITEM HAS BEEN INSPECTED = GOOD TO USE
RFID TAG = ITEM HAS BEEN INVENTORIED

For More Information, Visit the Radiation Safety SharePoint Site on Cone Connects
2759 pieces of lead were tagged, and the Joint Commission found **two pieces** that did not have tags; Does not meet the standard for maintaining proper safety precautions against radiation hazards.

[EP 7 §482.26(b)(1) - (A-0536) - (1)]
Missing Tags

Evidence of a failure to maintain an acceptable level of safety and quality with respect to facilities, supplies, and equipment. [EP 3 §482.41(c)(2) - (A-0724)]

2 TAGS
Life Safety Level of Severity
Get your Credit Card Ready
Lead Alternatives???

"I go to the gym because running around all day wearing a heavy lead apron and lifting patients twice my weight is not enough exercise for me," said no x-ray tech. Ever.
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