



SACTA STATEMENT ON MOBILE PHONES AND PETROL STATIONS

The Petroleum Institute in the United Kingdom recently completed a review of the research on the use of mobile phones at petrol stations and determined that the “risk [mobile phones] present as a source of ignition is negligible.”

In its press release of 24 March 2003, the UK Petroleum Institute stated that there is “no substantiated evidence of any fire incident that was caused by a mobile phone anywhere in the world.”

Nevertheless, as every aspect of mobile telecommunications safety is a priority, SACTA advises all customers to seek the guidance and adhere to any directive of the South African petroleum industry on this issue, to follow any directive provided at petrol filling stations and to follow the relevant instructions and any precautions laid down in their applicable mobile manufacturers’ User Guide. SACTA further reiterates the importance of proper usage of a mobile phone at all times and that it is every person’s obligation and responsibility to act carefully, legally and responsibly when using a mobile phone.