



**ELECTRONIC
MONITORING**

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Important information for sponsors, family and whānau



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ELECTRONIC MONITORING – IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SPONSORS, FAMILY AND WHĀNAU

The Court or New Zealand Parole Board can impose electronic monitoring on offenders/defendants as part of a sentence or order or as a condition of bail.



This requires an offender/defendant to wear an electronic tracker seven days a week, 24 hours a day and to live at an address approved by the Court or Parole Board. They can only leave the address with permission from their Probation Officer or the EM Bail Team if on EM bail.

The offender/defendant must not leave the electronically monitored residence unless they have been given permission to leave for an approved purpose, such as work.

If offenders/defendants require an absence to leave the address during their curfew, they MUST speak with their Probation Officer or the EM Bail Team. An absence will only be granted if their sentence, order or bail conditions allow for it and the offender/defendant must seek permission with at least 48 hours notice.

A monitoring unit is placed at their home address. The tracker is monitored by the Monitoring Centre which can confirm the offender/defendant's whereabouts at any time.

For more information, visit www.corrections.govt.nz and type "Electronic Monitoring" in the search box

PEOPLE YOU WILL SEE OFTEN

Probation Officer:

The person from Corrections who will manage an offender's sentence from start to finish. EM Bail is managed by the EM Bail Team. Contact the team on 0800 EM BAIL (362 245).

Probation Officer's name:

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Field Officer:

A person from the monitoring company who will install, maintain and check the monitoring equipment and respond to any alert

The Department contracts 3M to provide and manage the monitoring equipment and the Monitoring Centre.

3M staff carry out all electronic monitoring field services including installing and servicing your electronic monitoring equipment and responding to alerts.

Field Officers will wear a 3M/FIRST Security identification at all times and will be in a FIRST Security uniform.

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SUPPORTING SOMEONE ON ELECTRONIC MONITORING

It is good to plan how to handle potentially stressful situations you might encounter.

Having someone confined at home during a curfew can lead to increased feelings of stress or frustration for everyone connected to the offender/defendant, particularly if you share a residence.

Please note, in times of high stress, the offender/defendant cannot leave the residence even if they want to.

Managing absences and appointments

The Probation Officer will be able to discuss with you what kind of activities may be suitable for someone who is being electronically monitored.

- The person you are supporting on electronic monitoring may need help with arranging appointments and getting organised
- Curfew hours may prevent them from leaving the address without permission from either the Probation Officer or EM Bail Team
- For an approved absence they must leave and arrive home on time
- They need to arrange how they will travel to appointments and which route they will take
- You may be asked to attend appointments as a support person and to verify information. There may be some papers to sign; saying that you were there and what time you completed appointments or activities.

IF THE PERSON DOES NOT COMPLY

If a person being electronically monitored breaks the rules or conditions, they may have further charges laid and have to appear in court or in front of the Parole Board. Sentences, orders and bail bonds are all subject to court action being taken if they are breached. You will not get in trouble if the person you are supporting on electronic monitoring breaks the rules. However, you may be charged with an offence if you refuse to let any Probation staff, Field Officers appropriately identified, or Police into the address where the offender/defendant is resident.

WHO CAN I CONTACT IF I HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR, IF I RESIDE AT THE SAME ADDRESS, FEEL AT RISK?

*In an
EMERGENCY
- where personal
safety is at
immediate risk
CALL 111
and ask for
the Police*

When necessary, leave the address if this is a safe option for you, family members and other occupants.

EM Bail

In a non-emergency – not involving a risk to personal safety contact the EM Bail Team on 0800 EM BAIL (362 245).

The EM Bail Team at Corrections has an ongoing role in keeping in contact with the defendant, sponsors, family and whānau and occupants of the house.

Home Detention, Community Detention, Parole with Residential Restrictions, Extended Supervision Orders

In a non-emergency – contact the Probation Officer of the person being electronically monitored. They are there to support you.

CARE OF EQUIPMENT

The monitoring equipment must not be damaged in any way.

YOU MUST NOT:

- move the monitoring unit
- open any of the equipment
- unplug the monitoring unit
- cover the monitoring unit
- let the monitoring unit get wet
- paint or otherwise modify any of the equipment
- expose the equipment to extreme heat or cold
- tamper with the equipment in any way

WHAT IF THE TRACKER OR MONITORING UNIT IS DAMAGED?

Any damage must be immediately reported to the offender's Probation Officer or, for defendants, the EM Bail Team 0800 EM BAIL (362 245). You must provide all information about how the unit was damaged and, if the damage is intentional, reparation will be pursued through the courts.

ELECTRONIC MONITORING EQUIPMENT



GPS Tracker



RF Tracker



Cordless charger



GPS Monitoring Unit



RF Monitoring Unit

HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT ELECTRONIC MONITORING

You can find more information about EM from:

- www.corrections.govt.nz
- Court offices
- Community Probation Service Centres or
- Prison Remand Units.

Information about EM bail can also be found on the Police website www.police.govt.nz

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