

## BAIL WITH ELECTRONIC MONITORING

### Information for Bailees

Electronic monitoring is a condition of your bail. This means the Department of Corrections (Corrections) will electronically monitor you while you live and work (if you have been given permission to do so) at an approved address. Corrections will make sure that you are following all the rules of your bail for as long as your EM bail continues.

You will wear an electronically monitored tracker 24 hours a day. The tracker sends a continuous signal to a monitoring unit installed inside your home or place of work. The monitoring unit in turn sends real time information to a control centre which lets security staff know that you are where you're supposed to be.

#### Monitoring

On behalf of the Department of Corrections, 3M, together with their representatives, First Security, monitor all people being electronically monitored in New Zealand as part of their bail conditions, and they also maintain the equipment installed in your home.

The monitoring company uses a central database to monitor movements and generate reports for Corrections.

If you aren't sure about the rules of electronic monitoring, or any other aspect of your bail conditions, contact the EM Bail Team.

#### Visits or calls from security company staff

Monitoring company representatives may visit you at any time without warning while you are being electronically monitored. You can ask to see their identification on arrival, but you must co-operate with them so they can check and maintain the equipment. They may visit to:

- > install and activate the monitoring equipment (this may be done with a probation officer)
- > inspect the condition of the monitoring equipment

- > replace faulty monitoring equipment
- > check tamper alarms.

Please remember: monitoring company staff **cannot** change the conditions of electronic monitoring. This means they cannot give you permission to leave the house or change any aspect of your bail conditions. This can only be done by the Court.

#### Alarms

Both the receiver and transmitter have a number of built-in safeguards to prevent them being tampered with. Do not attempt to tamper with, move or remove any of the electronic monitoring equipment.

The tracker will trigger an alarm, and Police will arrive to check on you if you:

- > tamper with the electronic equipment
- > try to take off your tracker
- > leave your address without permission
- > are late back from a planned absence.

You may be arrested and have to appear before the Court who will decide whether your EM bail should continue.

If you are found to have tampered with or intentionally damaged the monitoring equipment you may be charged with a criminal offence and be asked to pay for its repair or replacement equipment.

## In an Emergency

In an emergency you can leave without permission if:

1. you need to seek urgent medical or dental treatment; or
2. you need to avoid or minimise a serious risk of death or injury to yourself or any other person – such as fire, earthquake, flood or violence.

You should call the EM Bail Team on 0800 EM BAIL (362 245) as soon as possible.

You WILL be required to produce proof of any emergency absence.

Corrections and Police staff will decide if your breach of curfew or conditions was justified by the emergency, based on the situation and the proof you provide.

If you are unable to provide proof of the emergency, you may be arrested and have to attend court to explain the reason for your absence.

## Always

- > stay at the approved address during your curfew hours
- > return to the approved address before the set time for any approved absence
- > answer the telephone during curfew hours in case it is the Police, Corrections or the monitoring company trying to call you
- > contact the EM Bail Team if you have any problems with the monitoring equipment or with the mains power supply
- > tell the EM Bail Team immediately if you have any problems with the transmitter (tracker)
- > co-operate with the monitoring company representatives, at all times, so they can check and maintain the monitoring equipment.

## Never

- > tamper with or damage the monitoring equipment or let others do so. Any sign of tampering or deliberate damage will result in enforcement action being taken
- > disconnect the monitoring equipment from the power supply
- > place anything on or over the receiver
- > touch or move the receiver
- > loosen or wear a thick sock under the transmitter (tracker)

**Note:** All of the above will set off an alarm and result in either the Police or monitoring company attending.

Never call the monitoring company to ask for approval to leave the approved address. You must contact the EM Bail Team

## Contact with the EM Bail Team

The EM Bail Team's role at Corrections is to keep in contact with the bailee and occupants of the house.

Contact the EM Bail Team on 0800 EM BAIL (362 245) or at [embail@corrections.govt.nz](mailto:embail@corrections.govt.nz) if you:

- > have any difficulties with the electronic equipment
- > want to talk about your bail conditions
- > schedule an absence
- > have any complaints about the monitoring company, its representatives or any other aspect of electronic monitoring.

Your complaint will be investigated and you will be informed of the outcome