

# WANDATRAK , TRACKING SYSTEM

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### WHAT IS IT?

The WandaTrak Tracking System is used by Wellington Wanda Search Charitable Trust (WWSCT), Wellington Land Search & Rescue, and NZ Police to search for people living with Dementia, Autism, or mental impairment who regularly wander from their place of residence. However it can also be used for other groups of people as well.

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

The system is comprised of either a pendant or a watch which is worn by the person living with Dementia / Autism. The pendant / watch emits a pulse using a specific frequency. This pulse is detected using a Radio Tracking Unit and a Directional Finding Aerial. As the tracking unit approaches the pendant / watch, the stronger the pulse will be heard.

### HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Wellington Wander Search Charitable Trust requests a donation is made to assist with the costs of this program. This is offset on a needs basis through an agreement with WINZ. WWSCT currently fundraises to purchase the pendants / watches which cost \$290 each and the battery replacements (done every 6 months), \$10 monthly fees may apply.

### WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

The benefit of the WandaTrak Tracking system is that it gives peace of mind to the families and helps to reduce the stress on the missing person. It also reduces the amount of resources required by Wellington LandSAR and Police when searching for the missing person.

**HOW DO I GET ONE?** If you are looking after a person who is living with Dementia / Autism and who is regularly wandering from their place of residence, please contact WWSCT by emailing: rayh@paradise.net.nz or by calling the Wellington Police and asking to speak to the officer in charge, Search & Rescue. We would welcome the opportunity to demonstrate how the pendant / watch works and to discuss your needs.

For more information email:

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