

Property Exit Sensor

What is a Property Exit Sensor?

The property exit sensor is designed to monitor the safety of people with cognitive impairments who may be prone to leaving their homes for extended periods at inappropriate times of the day or night, putting themselves at risk.

How does it work?

The property exit sensor is located above the door and comprises a PIR (Passive Infra Red) movement detector, door contacts and a Telecare Interface Module which together detect if someone has walked out of the door and not returned. The alarm can be set to activate for certain periods of the day or night, and will raise an alarm to either the carer or the response centre.

Why is it needed?

The system has many benefits, primarily that of helping people with dementia to live safely and independently in the community. It allows appropriate action to be taken as quickly as possible to ensure the person is returned to a safe environment, and can also help to alleviate the emotional and physical stress of caring for someone who may leave their home and be unable to return unassisted.

Who is it for?

The door exit sensor is for anyone at risk of leaving their property and finding themselves in vulnerable situations.

Considerations

The response service cannot guarantee to get to the property within a short time, so ideally, there should be someone near to the person's home, and who knows the person, who can be alerted to assist once the sensor is activated.

Also, more appropriate support may be needed for someone who regularly leaves the house on a nightly basis.

