Re: Personal Alarm

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Description:
The Posey Personal Alarm is designed to alert staff to the patient's/resident's movement beyond a predetermined distance. The alarm may be set to one of five different tones; therefore, specific tones can be assigned to specific clients. This allows staff to quickly determine which client requires immediate attention. The alarm can be mounted to a wheelchair, geri-chair or bed frame with a saddle-mount, or directly to a surface with an adhesive hook and loop attachment.

Purpose:
To quickly and efficiently alert staff to a client's movement beyond a predetermined distance.

Indications:
Clients who are at risk of falling; not safe to mobilize independently; have poor memory and are unaware of limitations.

Procedure:

1.) Setting alarm tone - The personal alarm may be set to one of five tones. By pressing the tone selector button, a two-second trial of each tone can be heard. The last tone heard will automatically become your selected tone.

2.) Mounting the alarm - Choose a secure location out of reach of the client. Use the saddle mount for wheelchair or bed frame. Use adhesive mount for flat surface (night stand or head board).

3.) Connecting to client - Determine the safety zone and adjust the cord length (31 - 60 inches). Attach the clip to patient near his/her shoulder on a piece of clothing that he/she is not likely to remove and is out of his/her reach.

4.) Maintenance - Check the alarm function before each use by disengaging the magnetic block from the metal plate. Replace the 9-volt battery when necessary. If the hook and loop does not adhere, clean the hook by brushing it with a stiff brush.