

Recommended Privacy notice for Safer Walking / Wander Search Groups

Safer Walking / Wander Search groups provide a radio frequency tracking device that people who are at risk of going missing while out walking wear, as well as tracking equipment that Police Search and Rescue and volunteer Search and Rescue groups use to assist them to locate the missing person.

If you are issued with a device, we collect personal information from you, including information about your:

- Name
- Age
- Address
- Physical appearance (height, hair colour, eye colour, build)
- Gender
- Ethnicity
- Type of impairment
- Current medication
- Medical conditions
- Level of mobility
- History of prior missing incidents
- Favourite places to visit (in walking range), and
- Contact details for your next of kin or contact person/s.

We collect this personal information in order to help us to locate and identify people who go missing, who have a tracking device with them. We share this information and the frequency number of your tracking device with New Zealand Police in order to help us to search for people who have been reported missing. Police upload these details to their national database. When a person is identified as missing, Police use this information to coordinate search and rescue.

Providing some information is optional. If you choose not to provide the information we request, we may not be able to effectively search for you if you go missing.

We keep your information safe by storing it securely and restricting access to it. Only the person issuing/managing the devices in your area and authorised Police can view this information.

Summarised information maybe be used for analysis in the future to assess the Safer Walking / Wander Search programme. No information about your name or identifying information would be part of this summarised information.

We will update your information if you request it and will also check with you every six months when we replace the device and send the existing device away for refurbishment. We will securely destroy out of date information by erasing digital information and securely disposing of physical documents.

You have the right to ask for a copy of any personal information we hold about you, and to ask for it to be corrected if you think it is wrong. If you'd like to ask for a copy of your information, or to have it corrected, please contact the person who issued your pendant. You can find contact details for your local group on this webpage: <http://wandersearchnz.org.nz/find-us/>.