

State of Iowa Department of Corrections

Policy and Procedures

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1. PURPOSE

The mission of the Electronic Monitoring System (EMS) and the Global Positioning System (GPS) is to verify the location of a client and to restrict client movements. The primary goals of these Monitoring Systems are to enhance public safety from the high-risk client, increase supervisory control and client accountability, monitor curfew compliance, decrease recidivism in the target population, increase structure in the lives of the target population and enhance the target population to have more productive lifestyles of job attendance and successful treatment completions.

2. POLICY

The assignment of high-risk clients to an Electronic Monitoring System (EMS) or Global Positioning System (GPS) is to be made by Iowa Department of Corrections District staff and their designated supervisors. The use of these systems is not to be continued with a client for longer than four months, except when ordered by Law or with supervisory approval.

3. PROCEDURES

A. Client Eligibility shall be articulated on the following criteria (Iowa Code 692A.124):

1. A sex offender who is placed on probation, parole, work release, special sentence or any other type of conditional release, may be supervised by an electronic tracking and monitoring system in addition to any other conditions of supervision.
2. The determination to use electronic tracking and monitoring to supervise a sex offender shall be based upon a validated risk assessment approved by the department of corrections, and also upon the sex offender's criminal history, progress in treatment and supervision, and other relevant factors.
3. Clients who have been identified as having potentially violent tendencies.
4. By order of the Court or Board of Parole.
5. Clients who are deemed to need a higher level of scrutiny regarding curfew compliance due to the nature of the crime they have been convicted of (i.e. drug manufacturing, drug delivery, late night burglaries, etc.).
6. As an intermediate sanction to support a need for additional supervision and/or structure for violations of supervision.

B. Selection

Selection Priority will be in the following order:

1. Clients referred by the Sex Offender Treatment Program.
2. Clients assessed to be a high risk to the safety of our communities.
3. To satisfy Court or Board of Parole orders.
4. As an intermediate sanction, and/or, in lieu of revocation for supervision violations.

C. Installation Procedures

1. Installation arrangements shall be coordinated with the District EMS coordinator.

2. Residential staff are responsible for installing EMS / GPS and ensuring the proper paperwork is completed.
3. The client shall be advised to provide care and caution in the use of the equipment and to promptly report any power and phone disconnects or any loss or damage of equipment. The client is to be given a copy of the contract.
4. The District EMS Coordinator is responsible for maintaining inventory control.

D. HRU Officer Responsibilities

1. The HRU Officer may check the equipment during visits and verify that the bracelet is secure around the client's ankle.
2. In the event that a client is arrested or absconds, the HRU Officer shall attempt to retrieve all equipment.
3. Upon completion of the program the HRU Officer is to coordinate a time for the equipment to be returned.
4. HRU Officers shall follow the current GPS protocol guide to deal with any calls from the Monitoring Center concerning violations.