



Helpful Tips Before Using a Device

Test the device with family or friends in different environments before relying on it in an emergency.

Learn how it works, including accuracy and limitations, ahead of time.

Save device details for law enforcement, such as brand, model, passwords/login information, and tracking method.

Talk with your loved one early about why the device is being used and involve them in decisions when possible. If there are style, attachment, or textile options, offer them choices.

Contact customer service to discuss your needs and understand the company's features and support.

Personal Considerations

A perfect device on paper can become a junk-drawer addition if there are barriers to implementation

- Is it comfortable to wear?
- Is it waterproof or will it need to be removed for hygiene/ leisure?
- How will it be used by the wearer? In a wallet, bracelet, watch, shoe?
- Is it easy or difficult to remove?
- Does it need to be disguisable or fashionable?

Device Selection Considerations

Battery life

- How often does it need to be charged?
- Is that charging requirement realistic? Is there support to remember to charge it? Can it be frequently removed or does it need to be "out of sight, out of mind"?

Price

- How much does the initial device and securement method cost?
- Are there any ongoing subscription or maintenance fees?
- Is a replacement affordable if needed?

Desired ongoing usage

- What is the purpose of tracking? Is it for emergency only, ongoing location sharing, leaving a perimeter of safety notifications?

Identify the Potential Area of Use

- Is there a strong cell signal?
- Does the tracker need to work both indoors and outdoors?
- Is it a densely populated area or heavily wooded?

Technology support

- Is someone local able to assist with the maintenance and potential emergency usage of the tracker to collaborate with emergency response? Or do they live states away?

Our goal is to provide you empowerment for analyzing all options available to make a personalized selection. For this reason, we do not endorse any specific brands/ products.

Location Management Technologies - Overview



	Cost	Battery	Tracking Technology	Area of usage	Common barriers	Common benefits
Cellular	Initial Setup and Subscription (high)	Hours - Days	Uses cellular towers	Anywhere with cell coverage (outdoors and indoors)	Highest subscription costs. Frequent charging increases risk of forgetting device or device abandonment	Most consistent live location, many products to choose from
GPS Alone	Initial setup and subscription (medium)	Days	Uses satellites	Anywhere with open sky (e.g., can sunlight hit?)	Unable to track indoors or in areas with dense vegetation/ covers	Lower ongoing costs and charging requirements. May pick up signal in more remote areas
Radio Telemetry	Initial setup (highest) and subscription (low)	Months	Uses radio waves in proximity to receiver (similar to game of hot/ cold)	Indoors and outdoors in proximity of mobile receiver	High initial setup cost, no live mapped location and no remote support	Independent of terrain/ structure limitations. Certain areas have pre-existing integration with emergency services
Bluetooth or WIFI	Initial setup	Months - Year	Bluetooth from nearby phones or WiFi networks	High phone concentration areas or WiFi indoors/ outdoors	Needs to be near many cellphones or WiFi signals to work, and then updates may only happen every few minutes or longer. In areas with few cellphones, it may not be able to show a location.	Lowest setup costs, longest battery life. Can often obtain several and disguise more easily into wallets, shoes, etc.

No device or system is 100% accurate in all situations, and location management devices should not be considered a substitute for in-person supervision or a 24-hour companion when needed.

In case of an emergency:
Search no longer than 10 minutes before calling 911