

FACTSHEET: Need for Management of High Risk Routines often described as “Wandering”

Interventions to assist safer walking should be encouraged, rather than to prevent wandering, in order to balance the need to minimise risk with the need for personal freedom.

Questions to consider include:

- What level of risk is acceptable to the carer and person with dementia?
- What is the perceived risk and what is the actual risk?
- Is the balance right between enabling the personal choices and maintaining independence of individuals versus the perceived risk and health and safety considerations?

Telecare Services options that may be suitable:

- A) Assessment sensors for daily activity recording
- B) Property Exit Sensor linked to Carer Pager
- C) Property Exit Sensor linked to local hard-wired Warden Control System
- D) Property Exit Sensor linked to remote 24hour monitoring/response service
- E) GPS Safer Walking Device, worn as pendant
- F) GPS Safer Walking Device, worn as watch (has “worn securely” option).
- G) Voice Reminder linked to door contact or movement sensor or other peripheral

