



TAGGING

An introduction to
electronically monitored curfews



About Group 4 Securicor

Group 4 Securicor (G4S) is now the world's largest provider of electronic monitoring services.

G4S is responsible for providing electronic monitoring services within three contract areas in the UK as follows:

- North East and North West
- East Midlands, Yorkshire and Humberside
- South East and South West

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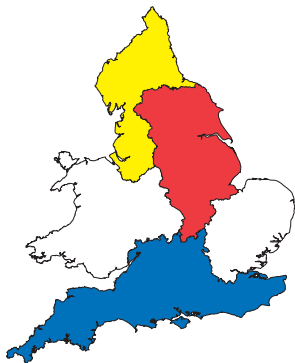
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What is an electronically monitored curfew?

When a person is under curfew they must stay at home (or other place) during certain hours. This is usually for 12 hours during a 24 hour period, every day of the week. The hours can vary depending on circumstances, but most curfews are at night.

G4S checks that people are keeping to their curfew. We do this electronically using a tag and a monitoring unit.

Curfews are used throughout the criminal justice system (as a community service, condition of bail or as a condition of release from prison) and also by the Immigration and Nationality Directorate.

The Equipment and How it Works

Personal Identification Device (or "tag")



Monitoring Unit (the box)



1) The tag is fitted to the ankle.

2) This unit is installed at the curfew address and receives signals from the tag.



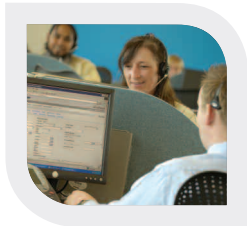
Breaking the Curfew



4) Our systems alert us if the curfew has been broken.
5) We will then take action and where necessary report the breach to the relevant authority.



Control Centre



3) Data is sent from the box to the Control Centre using the mobile phone network.

Benefits of Curfew

- Increases public protection from offenders released back into the community.
- Provides a more structured and disciplined routine.
- Punishment by restricting freedom.
- Provides another way of helping to improve behaviour:
- Allows offenders to gain from family life, as well as education, training or employment. This all helps an offender to re-join the community as a good citizen.
- Curfew hours can be set so as to break patterns of offending, like night time burglaries, football hooliganism and drink-related violence.
- Helps reduce and control contact with friends who commit offences.
- Can make family and carer relationships stronger. This can be particularly good for young offenders and can help with family discipline.



Our staff monitor and visit people on curfew 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

G4S equipment is tough and reliable. It has been very thoroughly tested and does everything the Home Office says it must.





Further Information

Further information on G4S or on tagging can be obtained or requested by contacting us as follows:

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The Control Centre is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.