



Be Safe, Live Well

# Medical Alert Systems

Safety, independence and peace of mind.

VRI's medical alert systems enable seniors and at-risk persons to remain in their own homes longer. With just the touch of their personal help button, clients can contact a Care Center Representative 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year who can get them the help that they need.

- ▶ 33% of those 65 and older will fall in a given year. <sup>1</sup>
- ▶ 50% of those who fall will require help to get up. <sup>2</sup>
- ▶ 90% of those who get help within the first hour, following an incident, will more likely maintain their independence. <sup>3</sup>
- ▶ Those who use a medical alert system have fewer hospital admissions and the duration of their hospital stay, on average, is decreased by 25%. <sup>4</sup>

## Who We Are

Founded in 1989, VRI has become one of the leading providers of in-home health care monitoring solutions for seniors and at-risk persons seeking to retain their independence and remain in their own homes.

VRI is in its 20th year of providing Personal Emergency Response Systems because we provide products that are safe, easy to use and inexpensive. Our Emergency Response Center (the Care Center) provides coverage for our clients 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. We are fully accredited as the only Five Diamond Certified Medical Only Monitoring Center in the country.

## Quit Worrying About:

- Falls
- Personal Safety
- Medical Emergencies
- Being Alone

<sup>1</sup> Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, 2001; cited in a 2006 CDC report

<sup>2</sup> Advance for Providers of Post-Acute Care

<sup>3</sup> "Persons Found in Their Homes Helpless or Dead," New England Medical Journal, 1995

<sup>4</sup> "Impact of a Personal Emergency Response System on Hospital Utilization by Community-Residing Elders," Southern Medical Journal, 1995

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# Personal Emergency Response Systems

An easy-to-use system with 24/7 help at just the touch of a button.



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## How does a Medical Alert System Work?

Typically, the Personal Emergency Response Systems consist of a small "speaker phone" that connects to an AC power outlet as well as your phone line. After being properly installed, it will not interfere with the phone system in any way.

It also comes with a Personal Help Button (PHB) which acts as a remote access to the system and can be worn on the wrist or on a necklace/lanyard around the neck. When the client pushes the button, it activates the PERS, grabs the phone line, dials a predetermined access code and connects to the Care Center where the operator will respond immediately and ask you if you need help.

After it has determined what (if any) assistance you need, our Care Representatives will act accordingly.

## Benefits of Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS)

- ▶ At the end of the three-year study, a cost/benefit analysis was completed on the two targeted matched samples, users vs. non-users, resulting in a 7.19 benefit/cost ratio. This ratio indicates that for every one dollar spent on PERS, there was a resulting savings of \$7.19!
- ▶ PERS users experienced a 26% reduction in length of hospital stay.
- ▶ When a person has a stroke, treatment can be more effective if given early on. An emergency alert system can provide people who know that they are at risk of a stroke with a method to call for medical assistance rapidly even if the stroke impairs their mobility or ability to speak.
- ▶ After a fall or other emergency, 90% of people who get help within one hour will continue independent living, but after 12 hours, only 10% of people will continue to live at home...or live at all!" —*New England Journal of Medicine*



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