# HOME ALARM SYSTEM Self-Installation Guide for HCP Providers

Mepacs Personal Alarm Service

This installation guide is designed for Case Managers and HCP Providers only.

Please do not provide this guide to the client or their family.

The Home Alarm System must be installed at the client's home. Once installed, the base unit should not be moved without first contacting MePACS.

## Prior to installing:

## 1. Place an order

To place an order online visit: mepacs.com.au/professionals/home-care-package/

or call us on 1800 685 329. Once the order has been submitted, you will receive an email to confirm that your client has been set up.

## 2. Have your mobile phone ready

The setup includes testing from different locations inside and outside the house, so you will need a mobile phone or a cordless telephone to perform the installation.

## Step-by-step guide:



1. Base unit placement Place the base unit on a flat surface near a power point in a central location of the home, such as the kitchen or living room.



2. Attach aerial Screw the aerial into the top of the base unit,



**3. Turn it on** Before the base unit is plugged into the power point, switch on the button on the bottom of the base unit.



**4. Plug it in** Plug the base unit into the power point. The unit will display 'PE'. Once it's connected to the mobile network (1-2 minutes) it will announce 'Unit Disarmed' and 'PE' will clear.



5. Test the signal strength Press the Green button and a number between 0-9 will be displayed.

If the number is less than 3 move the unit to another area in the house where the signal strength may be better.



6. Test the alarm Press the Red button. You should hear a series of beeps.



7. Test the pendant range

Press the button on the pendant outside the home including the Mailbox, clothesline, back fence and shed. When within range, the pendant light will show red (Green is out of range) and the base unit should beep.

#### 8. Contact our Help Desk on 1800 572 177

Using a mobile or cordless phone, please call us to complete the installation.

Please have the client details and the base unit number ready.

The base unit number is on the bottom of the unit beginning with 'M...'

# Information for the client

After the installation is complete, please take time to show your client how to properly use and operate the alarm, including:

- How to wear the pendant, including in the shower/bath
- How and when to press the button on the pendant
- The usable range of the pendant
- How to perform the monthly pendant test
- If applicable, How to do the Daily Call, and what happens if they miss it

## **The Monthly Pendant Test**

Testing the alarm pendant once a month helps to identify potential issues, but also helps the client feel more confident with the alarm, making it second nature when there's an actual emergency.

- The test should be done on the same date each month. We suggest using the client's birthday as the monthly date, since it will be easier for them to remember.
- Use the membership card inside the MePACS Welcome Booklet to write the date for the monthly test.
- Place the card on the fridge as a reminder.
- To conduct the test the client has to press the button on the pendant and hold for 3 seconds. When MePACS responds just say that this is a test.
- As part of our duty of care, MePACS may contact clients if their monthly testing is overdue.



# The Daily Call

If the client has signed up for Daily Call, they must press the **red 'CALL'** button on the base unit every day between 6am-11am.

MePACS can set up a reminder for the Daily Call at the same time each morning. Talk to our Help Desk on 1800 572 177 to set up a time that is convenient for the client.

## If the client missed the Daily Call:

MePACS will try to contact the client after 11am to confirm they are okay. If the client doesn't respond we will contact their nominated contacts. If we can't reach the client or their contacts we will get emergency services to conduct a welfare check on them.

