

Your Home...



Interpreters

If English is not your first language, and you would like an interpreter present in court or at meetings with the Probation Service, please ask how this can be arranged.

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Se il vostro linguaggio madre non è l'inglese, potete chiedere un interprete presente al vostro incontro con il personale del Servizio.

Si el inglés no es su primera lengua y desea un intérprete que le ayude a entender nuestra información escrita o que esté presente durante las entrevistas con el personal de libertad condicional, por favor díganos a un miembro del personal de este servicio.

如果英語不是你的第一語言，你希望有一名口譯人員幫助你理解我們的書面材料或是與你一起參加監督服務部會議，請告訴監督服務部官員。

إذا لم تكن اللغة الإنجليزية لغتك الأم، وترغب أن يُعَدَّ لك مترجم يساعدك في فهم معلوماتنا المكتوبة أو شركتنا لمُستشار اجتماع مع حوزة على منحة المراقبة، الرجاء إعلام أحد موظفي الخدمة.

Se la vostra lingua madre non è l'inglese, potete chiedere ad un funzionario del Servizio di Probation che volete che un interprete vi aiuti a capire le nostre informazioni scritte o sia presente ai vostri incontri con il personale del suddetto Servizio.

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Should you have any comment about the way that staff behave when in your home, write to the monitoring centre at the address below. Any complaint would be investigated

Monitoring Contractor:
Premier Monitoring Services Ltd,
PO Box 45,
Norwich,
Norfolk, NR3 1BF.
Telephone: 08080 965124.

Essex Probation Service:
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Your home....

Your home has been proposed by a prisoner as a suitable address for Home Detention Curfew (HDC). This is a scheme which allows certain prisoners to spend up to the last 120 days of their custodial sentence on a curfew enforced by electronic monitoring (or 'tagging'). They have to stay at the address between certain hours. A tag is attached to their ankle to check that they are there at the right times. If they aren't, they may be returned to prison.

HDC is not a right.

The Prison Service will consider a number of issues when deciding if someone is suitable for HDC. These will include risk to the public, the prisoner's risk of re-offending, and whether the address is suitable.

The Probation Service needs to know what you think about the prisoner being curfewed to your address. This leaflet gives you information about HDC, and how it will affect you.

If you have any questions at any time, please use the contact details on the back.

What happens on HDC?

A prisoner must stay at a particular address for a set time each day - usually at night from 7pm to 7am - for up to 120 days. Breaking the "curfew", as it is called, or any other conditions on the licence, can lead to a return to prison.

Tagging

The curfew will be enforced by what is called electronic monitoring (tagging). The tag - about the size of a watch - is usually fitted around the ankle.

Checking up with a special unit....

A monitoring unit about the size of a satellite receiver is installed in the home. It checks whether the person is at home during their curfew hours. If they are not, or if there is some other problem, it will alert the staff at the monitoring centre, who may telephone or pay a visit. Touching or moving the unit will also alert staff, and interfering with it can result in the curfewee being recalled to prison.

Needs a little electricity....

The monitoring unit must be plugged into the mains. If your electricity is paid by card/key/coin, you must ensure that it does not run out. The equipment does not use much electricity - it should only cost about 2p per day.

Needs a telephone line....

The unit must also be attached to a telephone line - this could be your own. Any calls that the monitoring unit or the curfewee makes to the monitoring centre will not cost you anything. You would just pay for your own calls as usual, which wouldn't be affected by the HDC unit. However, other services, such as a fax machine, internet or ansaphone may need to be switched off. This includes the BT 1571 answering service.

A line can be installed....

If there is no telephone line, or if an existing line cannot be used, the monitoring staff will arrange for a telephone line to be installed. This special line can only be used to contact the monitoring centre or the emergency services. It will be disconnected at the end of the curfew.

You will be contacted about this....

Monitoring staff may contact you before the start of the curfew to check to see whether there is a suitable line for their use.

BT will get in touch....

If you are the householder and a new phone line is required, you will need to allow BT to install the line. You will receive a letter confirming the appointment.

You need to be happy with this....

If you do not feel you can allow this, the monitoring centre will not be able to monitor the curfewee. Your home would not then be acceptable as a curfew address.

How will it affect you and others?

The probation service is required to check whether your home would be suitable as a curfew address, and will ask for your views on having the prisoner living with you.

Length of stay

Any person who is on the HDC will have to stay in one place for the whole of the curfew period. This is likely to be for 12 hours per day and for up to 120 days.

Give it some thought

You need to think about whether you are happy to have the prisoner at home for that length of time. You will also need to consider the effect it may have on you and your family.

Tell us

If you think it might put you or other residents at risk, or if there might be other difficulties, please tell the probation service as soon as possible. It is your right to say no.

Monitoring staff visits

If the person on a curfew does not break their conditions at all, the only contact with the monitoring staff should be when they install the equipment initially, when they complete a routine monthly check on the equipment, and when they take it away at the end of the curfew. They will always carry identification. They do not drive marked vehicles or wear a uniform.

Contact at reasonable times

They may need to phone and visit. They will always phone or visit during the curfew hours (unless the curfewed person agrees to a visit at another time), and will not do so between midnight and 6am unless they are investigating a possible violation of the curfew.

Information of address

The Police will need to be informed that the curfewee is staying at your address.