How do I get one?
If you are looking after a person who is living with Dementia / Autism and who is regularly wandering from their place of residence, you can contact:

Dementia Canterbury
Social Worker
(03) 379 2590

or

Linda Rutland Administrator - Manager
WanderSearch Canterbury
Phone: (03) 384 2160
Mob: 021 239 89 46
E: info@wandersearch.nz

For all emergencies/missing persons call 111

Please note as this programme relies on donations there may be a wait time for devices.
**General Information**

**What is it?**

The WanderSearch Tracking Systems are used by NZ Police and Volunteers to search for people living with Dementia / Autism who could potentially wander from their place of residence. It is also used for other groups of people where wandering is an issue such as people with Downs Syndrom, brain Injuries and others with cognitive impairments that may wander and not be able to re-orientate themselves.

WanderSearch Canterbury is a not-for-profit charitable trust.

**How does it work?**

There are two systems available. Firstly the WandaTrak system, this is comprised of either a pendant or a wrist device which is worn by the person living with Dementia / Autism. The device emits a pulse using a specific frequency which is detected using a Radio Tracking Unit and a Directional Finding Aerial. The pulse strengthens as the tracking unit approaches the device worn by the person.

Secondly there are GPS units, these work by obtaining a GPS signal from satellites and transmitting these by cell towers.

WanderSearch Canterbury Charitable Trust fundraises to meet these costs and if someone meets the criteria they are asked to contribute a donation towards the cost of the device and the $35.00 battery replacements every six months or Sim card top-ups as required

Once devices are no longer needed they are returned to WanderSearch Canterbury.

You may also be eligible to apply via Work & Income New Zealand (WINZ) for a Disability Allowance to offset costs.

**How much does it cost?**

The WandaTrak system costs $295 for a device and battery replacements (required every six months) cost $35.00 a time.

The GPS system costs $220.00 for a GPS unit and $20.00 per month, depending on usage, for sim card top-ups.

**What are the benefits?**

The benefits of the WanderSearch Tracking system include giving peace of mind to families and reducing stress for the missing person. It also reduces the resources required by New Zealand Police and Volunteers when searching for the missing person. WanderSearch Canterbury

**Which System?**

A WanderSearch Canterbury Trust representative can meet with you and discuss the options and which system would be best.