

**Personal Alarms Equipment Funding Criteria:** This Guideline has been developed in consultation with expert clinicians and is designed to specify EnableNSW funding criteria for this group of assistive technology; items provided; eligible prescribers and provide a basis for consistent and transparent decision making.

### Personal Alarm Alerting System

*EnableNSW funds non-monitored personal alarms. This list is not exhaustive and EnableNSW reserves the right to make the final decision regarding the provision of equipment that is not specifically included or excluded. Prescribers should check their eligibility to prescribe specific equipment in this category as identified in the table below.*

**Request process:**

- Items in this category are available through the Aids and Equipment Program (AEP).
- A completed Equipment Request Form is to be submitted
- An itemised quote is required for non-contract items requested.
- A prescriber cannot also be a supplier or affiliated with the supplier of the equipment for the same request. This may include, but is not limited to, a personal or professional relationship with or material interest in the supplier or manufacturer of the equipment listed on the request.
- Only equipment that complies with the relevant Australian or International Standards and/or has Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) registration (class 1 medical devices) is funded.

**Allocation:**

- 1x personal alarm / alerting system

Included equipment	Funding Criteria	Eligible Prescribers/Additional Information
<b>Group 1</b>		
Mobile non monitored personal alarm / alerting system	<p>Must meet <b>all</b> criteria below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The consumer has a history of falls or is at high risk of falls or a medical condition that may lead to falls or is assessed as high risk on a relevant falls risk screening tool AND</li> <li>• The consumer lives alone or spends significant periods of time alone and is unable to alert a person by other means AND</li> <li>• Other risk management strategies such as home modifications, provision of self-care equipment or falls risk education have discussed and/or provided AND</li> <li>• The consumer has the physical and cognitive ability to use the device correctly</li> </ul>	<p><b>Eligible Prescribers:</b> Registered Occupational Therapist</p> <p><u>Please note:</u> Risk management strategies may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Carrying a cordless telephone</li> <li>○ Physiotherapy strengthening / balance retraining</li> <li>○ Environmental assessment and modification</li> <li>○ Eye sight assessment</li> <li>○ Anti-slip footwear education</li> </ul>
<b>Excluded equipment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal alarms for people assessed as financial Band 3</li> <li>• Monitored or back to base systems that have a monthly rental fee</li> <li>• Key safety box</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continence, movement monitoring/fall detection mats or infrared alarms</li> <li>• Seizure alarms.</li> </ul>