

Derbyshire Falls Alert Service



Derbyshire Falls Alert Service - Telecare

Providing total peace of mind



Are you at risk of falling?

A 'trip' may be the result of slippery floors, loose rugs, poor lighting and other hazards present in every home. A fall may be caused by a combination of factors such as side effects of medication, poor eye sight, ill health or something as simple as a stumble which can result in a person becoming increasingly vulnerable. The unpredictability of these falls and the likelihood that they will recur can be a frightening prospect.

- It is likely that over 41,000 people aged over 65 will suffer a fall this year
- Over 3,000 people are likely to be admitted and have a stay in hospital as a result of a serious fall and a larger number taken to hospital but not admitted onto a ward
- Falls will affect 27% of those aged 65 and over rising to 38% of those aged 80 years and over.



This fear can reduce confidence and mobility which in turn can increase the chances of suffering another fall. **It's a vicious circle, but it's one that can be broken.**

After a fall, Mrs Smith was worried about being at home on her own but now, thanks to the Derbyshire Falls Alert Service - Telecare, she never feels alone.

How can the Derbyshire Fall Alert Service - Telecare help?

The Derbyshire Handy Van Network will install a package of Telecare equipment and carry out a wellbeing check to advise you of potential hazards in your home. Once hazards are removed it is important that falls can be quickly detected and staff alerted to a fall.

The assurance gained from early detection of a fall and the knowledge that help is on its way are essential to reduce anxiety and restore confidence.

Derbyshire's Falls Alert Service - Telecare offers a 24 hour home safety system which incorporates a range of Telecare sensors. The service enables people to live independently within their own homes; with an instant response should a sensor be activated, providing valuable peace of mind. Where resources are available, (please check with your local Provider), In the case of a fall the service gives clients the benefit of a response from a member of a highly trained workforce that uses specialist lifting equipment to help clients from the floor. The service makes a real difference to people's lives, not only for those using the service to maintain their independence, but it also supports family and carers in their role.

The Home Falls Safety Package is available to Derbyshire residents*

The service provides a specified package of Telecare equipment free of charge and the cost of monitoring payable by the client is just under 36p per day (£2.50p per week).

For more information and contact details for your local provider please contact:

Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190

or visit:

www.derbyshire.gov/falls

*Offer only available to new users of Telecare.

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