

FAQs

Will I be able to work?

If employed, you will be allowed up to 50 hours per week.

What if I go to school?

You must provide proof of your school schedule and attendance.

Will I be able to attend my religious services?

You will be allowed to attend one service per week.

What if I have a doctor's appointment?

Scheduled medical appointments need to be communicated to your officer.

For emergency medical care, you will need to contact your officer and provide verification of the hospital visit upon discharge.

Do I get any social time to spend with family and friends outside of the home?

Social time is awarded if you are in complete compliance with the program rules.

How much does it cost?

It costs \$3.18 per day for EM; \$4.64 for Passive GPS; and \$8.95 for Active GPS.

After I am sentenced, can I be put on EM in lieu of serving time in custody?

The judge determines how you will serve your sentence, not Pretrial Services.

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What is Location Monitoring?



Location Monitoring is a cost-effective alternative to detention. It is a special condition that requires an individual to remain at home except for certain approved activities such as employment, court appearances, attorney appointments, religious services, and medical reasons.

The level of restriction may range from night-time curfew to 24-hour home incarceration that is electronically monitored. The extent to which a participant is granted leave from the residence is determined on a case-by-case basis.

The Pretrial Officer takes into consideration: community risk, compliance with conditions of supervision, and the needs of the individual.

3 Levels of Location Monitoring

Curfew is the least restrictive and requires the participant to remain at home during set periods of the day. This option is suitable for low risk individuals.

Home detention requires the participant to remain at home except for pre-approved absences for employment, education, religious services, treatment, and court obligations. The requirement of pre-approval and verification provides for increased structure and accountability.

Home incarceration is the most restrictive, requiring 24-hour lockdown except for medical needs, court appearances, and activities approved by the court. This option is appropriate in addressing risk to the community and assuring court appearances.

Who is eligible for the location monitoring program?

Pretrial Officers must consider the following when recommending home confinement to the court:

- Background/Criminal History
- Residential Assessment
- Telephone Capabilities

Ultimately, the judge determines the conditions of release.

Electronic Monitoring (EM) and Global Positioning System (GPS)

Any level of location monitoring can be ministered with the use of electronic monitoring . A transmitter will be



attached to your ankle. Wearing the transmitter will not restrict you from your daily activities such as working, bathing, and exercising.

The Field Monitoring Device (FMD) will be placed in your home. It is plugged into a standard power outlet and a phone jack. This device is not compatible with a cordless phone. The phone service must be basic and not include any special features such as call waiting, caller ID, voicemail, etc. Your phone bill must be current with no past due amounts.

The transmitter sends a continuous signal to the FMD which in turn communicates with the monitoring center computer. When there is a break in the signal, the computer checks the schedule authorized by your officer to determine if a violation has occurred. The monitoring computer will automatically inform the officer of any violations.

GPS works like traditional EM. The only difference is that the participant is required to take the tracking GPS unit with them while away from home. Upon returning to the residence, the GPS unit is docketed into the FMD.