

Wandering management

PURCHASING
REPORT

Snapshot

Pricing based on number of people to protect:

Varies, depending on level of technology, hardware needed, installation needs and service agreement.

Average price per resident per year:

Initial set-up for doorways can range from \$500 each to six times that much. A lot depends on the abilities of the building and residents to be served.

Pricing Trends

2007-2008: +2 to +3%

2008-2009: +1% to +2%

2009-2010: +3%

Typical delivery time: Less than a week up to about 6 weeks

Typical delivery charges: Be sure to ask. Often included in the price but nothing is typical. Methods and costs can vary dramatically.

Average life span of product: 7 to 10 years

Power sources: Hardwired or battery

Installation: Trained installers, either from the seller or the provider, are usually needed. Sometimes, facility staff can initiate parts of a system.

Average maintenance cost per year:

Ranges up to about \$100

(Figures cited are averages of all respondents' answers. Actual pricing will vary due to volume, bundling and other factors of a purchase.)

Source: Stanley Healthcare Solutions, Secure Care, RF Technologies, HomeFree, Direct Supply, Cord-Mate



Photo: Stanley Healthcare Solutions

FROM THE FRONT LINES:

“Different systems meet different needs so evaluate them separately. You have to factor in each resident’s needs and your campus. The key is to really customize wander system to your population and facility. They’ve really come a long way with all the new technology.

Alan Rosenbaum, Administrator, Hillcrest Nursing Center, Round Lake Beach, IL

Buyer Notes

- Get a fully integratable system. It means more than simply having systems work together. The goal should be to consolidate control and reporting into the wander management system for everything from wander management to fall monitor alarms. This way, your staff has to deal with only a single user interface, and data will be collected and presented in a single place.
- Because not every resident requires the same level of protection, your wander management system should have options to tailor protection to the needs of the individual. Different levels of acuity and even visitor patterns could affect details of your installation.

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