

Medical Monitoring System Saves Woman's Life

(NAPSA)—A gift from a friend—in this case, a new medical monitoring system—actually saved 74-year-old Maxine Ringle's life.

Ringle was in her backyard, watering plants, then decided to clean the nearby area where workers were installing an elevator, next to her patio. As she began to sweep the area, a large dust cloud emerged from the ground, quickly engulfing her. She thought nothing of it and quickly finished before heading inside. Once she went indoors, however, her hands began to itch. Within seconds, the irritation had spread across her entire body.

By the time Ringle reached her bedroom, her throat and tongue felt numb; there was something seriously wrong. She pushed the button on her Guardian Alert 911 and within seconds was speaking with an emergency operator. The operator kept Ringle calm and promised to send help quickly. Ten minutes later, emergency vehicles had arrived and she was en route to the hospital. She was later diagnosed with an allergic reaction, most likely caused by a mold or fungus in the dust cloud.

Remaining independent

Many seniors, like Ringle, continue to live independently—but not without concerns, particularly about the ability to get help in a medical emergency or other crisis. The longer a person spends helpless, the greater the likelihood he or she will be discharged into supportive care. Statistically speaking, timing is key.

According to The New England Journal of Medicine, after a fall or other emergency, 90 percent of people who get help within one hour will continue independent living. For these reasons, many older adults find peace of mind



A new medical monitoring system can make it safer for seniors who live independently.

with the help of a medical monitoring system. With the simple push of a button, help is on the way for faster medical attention.

Guardian Alert 911 is the latest example; the key to this unique system is the wearable pendant. The unit is actually the world's smallest cordless speakerphone, with a range of 600 feet, so you can speak directly to an operator instantly from anywhere in or around the home. And if you are unable to speak, the unit can still give the 911 operator your location via the caller ID function. Because of this "enhanced 911" system, you can feel even safer that your location is known even before you speak.

The Guardian Alert 911 system is easy to use, as it voice-prompts through dialing, shutdown, system test and battery test. It is very durable and even splash-resistant, so that it can be worn in the shower. The system also provides peace of mind in another way: There are no monitoring fees, no service charges and no contracts. For more information, visit www.logicmark.com.