

BI GroupGuard® Plus



BI GroupGuard® Plus offers specialized supervision for multiple offenders in the community. With GroupGuard Plus, it is possible to monitor up to 75 individuals in one location.

Community-Based Group Offender Supervision

Today, there are halfway houses and group homes across the country serving several thousand offenders annually. The number of individuals living in each group offender residential setting ranges from a handful up to more than a hundred. Typically, offenders live under strict curfews and are allowed to leave for school, work, treatment or training, but little else. For many of these offenders, electronic monitoring supervision is an ideal option. Until now, technical issues have precluded electronic monitoring from being reliable in these environments.

Product Overview

BI now makes it possible to monitor groups of offenders living in one location accurately and easily with BI GroupGuard Plus, a sophisticated electronic supervision system that enables agencies to accurately monitor up to 75 individuals in one residence. This innovative option requires minimal equipment and ensures that offenders living in group homes, while on electronic monitoring, comply with court and agency orders.

Offenders living in these restrictive environments may be on probation, parole, pretrial service programs or other forms of intensive community supervision. No matter the reason for referral, most group home residents are on tight schedules to begin the process of recovery and reintegration into their local communities. Not only does GroupGuard Plus make this possible, agencies can trust the reliability, accuracy and effectiveness of this new technology.

GroupGuard Plus builds on the BI HomeGuard® 200 system, the premiere electronic monitoring system available today. The GroupGuard Plus device can “listen” to multiple transmitters and provide an accurate reading for individual schedules, curfews, and other information or events related to an offender on the system.

The GroupGuard Plus technology employs many of the features and benefits that corrections agencies have grown comfortable with – a transmitter worn by the offender, a receiver stationed in the home, and the ability to relay data to a host computer and monitoring specialists to verify schedules and curfews are in compliance. The GroupGuard Plus receiver monitors the absence or presence of an offender within a specified range. Unlike traditional electronic monitoring, GroupGuard Plus receives signals from multiple transmitters.

Key Features

Receiver

- 48-hour backup battery
- Nonvolatile memory retains all downloaded messages
- 260 message buffer capability per client
- 20,000 message storage capability total
- Low battery notification
- Variable leave window
- Extended range for larger residences
- Dual antenna

Transmitter

- 12-month, field replaceable battery
- Ankle mount capability
- Dual tamper protection

Compatibility

- BI Drive-BI®

Responding to customer requirements for simplicity, GroupGuard Plus requires no special hardware when clients are being added or removed from the system. Interference between transmitters worn by multiple offenders is not an issue with GroupGuard Plus; the system distinguishes each offender and provides an accurate and time-stamped record of compliance for each individual's scheduling requirements. Also, the receiver range has been extended to accommodate larger facilities.

Built-in Flexibility

Designed for quality and consistency, the GroupGuard Plus system can meet any curfew monitoring requirements, ideal for matching different offender risks and needs. This includes variable range settings at the agency-level, as well as variable leave windows and unlimited schedules for each participant.

The tamper-resistant ankle transmitter can be quickly and easily installed on the offender. The transmitter includes a 12 month field-replaceable battery, helping to keep systems up and running without constant inventory juggling. The GroupGuard Plus receiver includes a 48-hour battery in the event that power is dropped at any time, a 20,000 message buffer, and nonvolatile memory - features that ensure a very high level of security and reliability. In short, GroupGuard Plus provides an important new offender management tool for a growing area in community corrections – residential correctional settings.

Backed by the Industry Leader

BI has defined the standard for quality in electronic monitoring services. While many companies provide monitoring equipment, BI also provides wraparound monitoring services that ensure consistency, reliability, accuracy and responsiveness to support your offender monitoring programs. BI Monitoring Operations is a 24x7x365 service that guarantees expert support and guidance. Since BI is ISO 9001:2000 certified, BI Monitoring Operations is evaluated extensively in a rigorous and continuous examination and commitment to quality.

Call 800.701.5171 today to schedule a product demo.



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