What is a Medical Alert System?

A medical alert is an alarm system designed to signal the presence of a hazard requiring urgent attention and to summon emergency medical personnel. Typical systems have a wireless pendant or transmitter that can be activated in an emergency. When the medical alarm is activated, the signal is transmitted to an alarm monitoring company’s central station, other emergency agency or other programmed phone numbers. Medical personnel are then dispatched to the site where the alarm was activated. A medical alarm system consists of: 1) An emergency transmitter, which is worn like a wristwatch or a pendant and 2) A base station, which is connected to the telephone and contains a very sensitive microphone/speaker unit. In case of emergency, for example, after a fall or a suddenly appearing ailment, the user can set off a call for help by a simple press of the alert button on his/her wrist, without needing to reach the telephone. The devices are configured so that any calls or connections in progress are terminated and a call for help can be initiated over the telephone.

The following are some companies that provide this service:

**LifeGuardian: Personal Assistance Response Systems**
800-378-2957, [http://www.lifeguardianmedicalalarms.com](http://www.lifeguardianmedicalalarms.com)

Features:
- Waterproof button - wireless, lightweight and small Personal Help Button.
- Free accessories - includes pendant, wristband, and belt clip.
- Longest range - calls for help up to 600 feet away! Even works outside/around the house.
- 2-Way Voice Enabled - a security center live operator can speak directly w/the subscriber.
- Emergency Response Center - over 25 years of experience.
- No Long Commitment
- Free Lifetime Warranty
- Automatic Payment - Conveniently billed monthly to your credit card or checking account.

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SeniorSafety.com: Medical Alarms with a Difference
Features:
• Listed in AARP® The Magazine Online Caregivers Resource Guide in 2003 as a resource for personal alarms.
• Listed in AARP®'s "My Generation" Magazine in 2002 as a resource for personal alarms. Rated A+ by the Better Business Bureau with no complaints.

Philips: Lifeline Medical Alarm
800-380-3111, http://philips.lifelinesystems.com
Features:
• Philips Lifeline is the leading provider of medical alert services, having served over 6 million subscribers during our three decades of experience.
• Reliability: if you develop a plan to live at home, and put Philips Lifeline Medical Alert Service into that plan, you can have confidence that when you need help, we will connect you to our 24/7 Response Center and send help based on your specific needs whether it is emergency services, a neighbor, or a loved one.
• Experience: for more than 35 years, we’ve focused on creating products to help seniors live independently at home, including the original medical alert service.

Response LINK
866-802-3676, http://www.responselink.com
Features:
• The Response LINK POM-3000 medical alert system offers 24 hour medical emergency monitoring and response using advanced two-way communication that has superior range and smart medical alert pendants.
• Provides live operator wellness checks.
• Fall detectors available.
• Stays on line until help arrives.