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Press Release



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Title: Reduce the Risk of Wandering with Tunstall Healthcare

In 2008 there were 227,300 people in Australia living with dementia, with the number expected to increase by 321% by 2050¹.

It is estimated that 60% of people in high care and 30% of those in low care have dementia. However, putting people with dementia into care is not the only solution¹.

Tunstall Healthcare, the world's leading provider of assistive technology provides solutions to assist people showing early symptoms of dementia to be where they want to be, in their own home.

Often people living with dementia leave the home and then become disoriented, unable to find their way home again.

The Tunstall property exit sensor helps to manage the risks of wandering behaviour; one of the symptoms of dementia.

Attached to the front door, the property exit sensor detects if the resident leaves their home at an inappropriate time, such as during the evening or night, and does not return within a preset time.

The property exit sensor alerts onsite carers or Tunstall's 24 hour response centre who notify the resident's family, neighbours or carer, so the resident can be quickly located and returned to their home.

The property exit sensor prevents the resident from being locked in at night, avoiding the frustration and fire hazard it poses.

Tunstall's bed occupancy sensor detects if the resident gets out of their bed during the night and does not return.

The bed occupancy sensor can be used to turn on a lamp if the sensor is activated, potentially guiding the resident back to their room after they leave.

When activated the bed occupancy sensor will notify the onsite carer or Tunstall's 24 hour response centre, with the response operator able to talk the resident back to bed in some instances.

The Tunstall pressure mat can be used in private residents to discretely notify a carer that their family member has gotten out of bed or left their room, so they can guide them back to bed.

Specialising in custom solutions, Tunstall can design packages to suit the individual needs of someone living with dementia, helping them to stay living safely in their own home for longer than they otherwise would have been able to.

To find out more about the property exit sensor, bed occupancy sensor, pressure mat or custom solutions for people living with dementia visit www.tunstallhealthcare.com.au or call 1300 760 333.

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