

Electronic Monitoring Victim Notification Technology

Washington State Courts

Courts throughout the State of Washington will be adopting the use of EMVNT.

There may be EMVNT services in your area. Contact your local government or court to see if they provide EMVNT services.

What is EMVNT?

Electronic Monitoring Victim Notification technology (EMVNT) tracks the location of an individual by determining or identifying the monitored individual's presence or absence at a particular location.

This may include:

- Radio frequency signaling technology, to detect if the monitored individual is or isn't at an approved location and notifies those monitoring them of the time that the monitored individual either leaves the approved location or tampers with or removes the monitoring device.
- Active or passive global positioning system (GPS) technology, which detects the location of the monitored individual and notifies the monitoring agency of the monitored individual's location
- A passive GPS stores and transmits data at appointed times to the monitoring agency. In contrast, an active GPS transmits information in near real time on the individual's location to the monitoring agency. This near-real-time transmission theoretically allows an agency to alert someone immediately when a violation occurs. It also provides information on where an individual has been throughout the course of the day and when the offender was at the various locations

EMVNT is a tool that some jurisdictions have found to contribute to the safety of Domestic Violence victims and their families, but they are not a guarantee of such safety. Please consult your local law enforcement agency and other experts to determine how best to improve your safety.

