



Hennepin County Fact Sheet

Electronic Home Monitoring

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Fast facts

- EHM is a community-based alternative sanction used by the courts in lieu of incarceration for low-risk offenders.
- On any given day, over 400 offenders are monitored electronically in Hennepin County.
- Offenders are monitored 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

What is Electronic Home Monitoring?

Hennepin County's Electronic Home Monitoring (EHM) program is a community-based alternative sanction used by the courts in lieu of incarceration for low-risk offenders. Adult and juvenile offenders serving sentences on EHM are monitored continuously and held accountable for their actions and whereabouts by staff in the Community Offender Management Division of the Department of Community Corrections and Rehabilitation.

The program's mission is to:

- Provide the adult and juvenile detention centers with a viable alternative to incarceration.
- Hold clients accountable every day to the rules of the EHM program and compliance with court orders.
- Ensure safety in the community while maintaining personal accountability for clients, whether they are at work, home or school.

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How are offenders in the EHM program monitored?

Offenders are monitored electronically 24 hours a day, seven days a week through the use of:

- Proximity monitoring equipment is used to ensure the location of offenders court ordered to home detention.
- Remote breathalyzer monitoring equipment, which measures blood alcohol content from breath samples. Clients monitored by this equipment are randomly required to provide breath samples, which are prompted by remotely controlled alarms and documented with digital photographs that confirm the client's identity with each use.

This technology allows EHM staff to respond accurately and quickly to incidents in which offenders violate program rules.