



LIFE ON THE LINE

Sat nav phone can be used in SOS

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ONE day this mobile phone could save your life...

An Irish firm yesterday launched a human "black box" that uses satellite tracking to keep tabs on your movements.

In an emergency a panic-button on the phone could help family, friends and gardai find you when you're in danger.

The innovative TopLocate service is run by Dublin-based security company Top Security and uses sat nav technology to record the last minute of your movements.

The recording and exact location is then beamed to two friends or family members and can be accessed by gardai.

General manager Mark Gleeson said: "We have been working on this idea for two to three years now.

"It is ideal for people working alone or for anyone who wants extra peace of mind.

"The technology works anywhere in the world and takes the guesswork out of finding someone."

The tracking system is available through a specially-adapted GPS mobile phone at €494 with an annual subscription of €236.

A similar service without satellite location, where an emergency alert can be sent to two contacts, costs €96.80 per year and uses a standard mobile phone.

TopLocate communication consultant Tom Cleary said: "This combination of technology is unique to Ireland and not available anywhere else in the world.

"The GPS phone will also work as a satellite navigation device in your car within the UK and Ireland.

"This is good for school kids, for elderly people, workers out alone or people coming home after a night out."

Check out www.toplocate.ie for more information.

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