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Vega gets more juice !!

Vega, the GPS safer walking and alarm solution from Everon, has gone through a major upgrade in the past weeks and now has up to 50% more battery life when outside the home. Everon's engineers have been working on new methods of power management in the device and the results are quite astounding.



Mark Johnson, Director of Everon in the UK said, "Our aim has always been to enable the carer to move away from a daily charging regime or to reduce daily charging time to less than 1 hour. With this new release the Vega will last for over 48 hours even if the wearer is outside for 6 hours every day, which is significantly longer than average. If the wearer is outside for 2 hours per day, just popping out to the shops to see friends, the Vega will last over 3 days. Carers can also be notified if the battery is running low by email or SMS. Our customers have been telling us this is what they have been waiting for and today I am pleased to say we have delivered this. We think we finally have a proposition which can be used, even where a carer is not able to visit every day."

Increases in battery life such as this have long been the "holy grail" to mobile personal alarm manufacturers and many have tried to introduce short cuts that compromise the primary function of the device; to find the wearer in an emergency situation. Vega does not make that compromise; it transmits its position back to the monitoring centre continuously, so even if the wearer is not in mobile signal when they need to be located their last location and current battery level are available to the operator. Given this information the alarm receiving centre then knows where to start the search and has an idea of how long the battery will last and can manage the device to save battery. Bill Brindley, Operations Director at Everon explained, "We know that this continuous communication is not the most battery efficient method of operation as we have to keep the mobile phone in the device alive at all times. However, from a safety point of view, when somebody is lost, we think the Vega's most important feature is to find the wearer. We know from experience that a wearer is very likely to be out of mobile signal at the critical moment, even if it is only because they have gone inside a building for shelter. With the new battery performance we can now provide the best practice safety solution combined with the battery life that our customers demand."

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