

# How To Use The System

The Bed-Check® system consists of a control unit, a power supply and a disposable pressure-sensitive Sensormat®, available in two sizes for use on either a standard hospital bed or a bed-side chair.

When the patient's weight on the Sensormat ceases for a pre-selected number of seconds, the control unit activates two alarms (if selected): a call signal at the nursing station and an audible alarm in the patient's room. The nurse, having been alerted that a patient is attempting to exit the bed, can counsel the patient by intercom (if available), and simultaneously send immediate assistance.

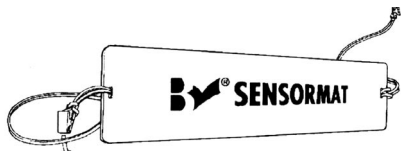
## SENSORMAT

To ensure effectiveness, place the Sensormat across the width of the bed, ON TOP OF THE MATTRESS. The preferred Sensormat location is directly under the patient's buttocks three to five inches below the bend in the mattress when the head of the bed is elevated. Effective operation of the Sensormat in the alternative location, behind the patient's back, is dependent upon their weight and the articulation angle of the bed.

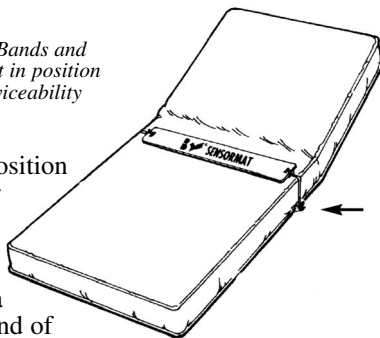
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*Nursing personnel should test the system's effectiveness daily when either Sensormat position is selected. Sensormats may not be effective with air bed type mattresses, test before using.*

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**IMPORTANT:**  
Use of Rubber Bands and Clips keeps Mat in position and aids in serviceability



To prevent slipping and to maintain the correct position of the Sensormat, always use the enclosed rubber bands and metal clips.

**A.** Thread one end of the band through the hole of the clip to form a loop. Pass the other end of the band through the loop and pull tight to form a knot at the base of the clip. **B.** Thread the other end of the band through the Sensormat hole to form a loop. Bring the clip through the loop and pull tight to form another knot at the end of the Sensormat. Repeat these steps on the other end of the mat. **C.** Position Sensormat across width of bed 3 inches to 5 inches below bend in mattress so it will be under the patient's buttocks. **D.** Attach the clips to the piping at the bottom of the mattress on both sides of the bed or to the bed frame. The idea is to have the rubber bands taut so the Sensormat does not slide back and forth over the mattress. **E.** You may place over the Sensormat a felt or incontinence pad, towel, draw sheet, rubber sheet, sheep skin or convoluted foam pad. Make the bed as usual.