

## INTRODUCTION

Nine percent of all the people requiring a SAR response in New Zealand suffer from dementia. The number of people with dementia is expected to double over the next twenty years. It is reasonable to assume that the number of wandering incidents is going to significantly increase.

Wandering has a significant cost to our society in terms of:

- Trauma and some fatalities for those who wander
- Stress, anxiety and upset for caregivers, families and rest home personnel
- Time, financial cost and disruption to Police and Search and Rescue volunteers

There are well-proven practical systems for preventing unsafe wandering in the first place. If it occurs then there are established systems for locating the wanderers as soon as possible.

## TRAINING RECOMMENDED FOR

This training is recommended for:

- Families/caregivers
- Rest home personnel
- Professionals and volunteers working in the sector

## WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

By the end of this training you should be able to:

- Develop knowledge and systems to reduce the likelihood of wandering from peoples homes and rest homes
- Develop knowledge and systems to locate wanderers as soon as possible
- Understand how to interact with emergency services
- Differentiate between safe and non-safe wandering
- Understand dementia and why sufferer's act the way they do

## WHY SARINZ?

SARINZ is New Zealand's international training centre of search and rescue (SAR) excellence.

SARINZ's sole purpose is to support emergency response efforts to save lives in back country, rural, urban, coastal or workplace environs.

SARINZ is a charitable trust and since 2003 has delivered specialised search and rescue training to agencies including the New Zealand Police and LandSAR volunteers. Training has been delivered to more than six hundred SAR practitioners in how to quickly and efficiently locate dementia sufferer's. This training is now widely accepted standard practice.

## TRAINING PROGRAMME

The wandering prevention and detection field is constantly improving. This involves the combined efforts of the dementia and emergency response sectors. This workshop will introduce the latest systems and technology to empower the sector.

### COST

SARINZ is conducting a subsidized evaluative workshop to share these key concepts with industry. This workshop is open to anyone involved in caring for those with dementia.

The workshop will be \$100 per person (inclusive of morning and afternoon tea and lunch). SARINZ is applying for funding for additional courses nationally. The only outputs requested of any participants is that they contribute to the workshop evaluation.

**If you are interested in attending please contact:**

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**When:** Saturday 30th October 2010  
10am - 4pm

**Where:** SARINZ classroom.  
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Riccarton  
Christchurch

## WHAT NEXT

Have you always thought this training is what your staff need? Need assistance with pre planning and developing SOP's for emergencies? Want customised training for a specific need?

To discuss training content and options contact:

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