

Housing Channel

Title: Emergency Alarm System

Uncle Chan Help!

Mrs Li What's wrong, Uncle Chan?

Uncle Chan My wife says her chest is aching

Mrs Li Don't worry, I'll help you call the ambulance

Uncle Chan Good morning, Mrs Li

Mrs Li Good morning. How's your wife?

Uncle Chan She'll be discharged from the hospital soon

 We're so lucky that you helped us yesterday

Mrs Li Don't mention it! We're neighbours

 Still, both of you are getting on in years

 and the children are not living with you

 Why don't you install an Emergency Alarm?

 That's to play safe

Uncle Chan Emergency Alarm? What's that?

Mrs Li Granny Sam next door has installed one

 Let's go over to her place and ask her about it

Uncle Chan Great!

Granny Sam The Emergency Alarm is very user-friendly

 Here it is. Let me demonstrate

Uncle Chan But how can you press it without a cause?

Granny Sam Don't worry. We're encouraged to test it

Miss Lam This is Lam

 Is there anything wrong, Madam Wong?

Granny Sam Oh, I'm just telling you I'm all right

Miss Lam That's good. Do take care

Granny Sam I will. Thank you, Ms Lam. Bye

Miss Lam Bye

Granny Sam See, it's so easy

 I wear the alarm the whole day

Mrs Li I've heard that the Emergency Alarm System
is designed for elderly people living alone
If you press the button in an emergency
you can get help from the control centre
Even if you can't tell your exact situation
Once the control centre gets the help signal
it'll inform your family or friends right away
If it's an emergency
it'll inform medical personnel to come at once

Uncle Chan It sounds good. How much does it cost?

Granny Sam Don't worry. Like me, you should apply for
a subsidy from the Housing Department (HD)
I have some information here
Take it and have a look

Mrs Li Right. Subsidies are available from both
the HD and Social Welfare Department (SWD)
to help qualified persons aged 60 or above
install the Emergency Alarm System
Both of you are over 60. If you're not on
Comprehensive Social Security Assistance

and meet the SWD's income and asset limit
for normal Old Age Allowance
then you're eligible for the HD's subsidy
If your application is successful
you'll receive a one-off cash subsidy of up to \$2,500

Uncle Chan

Really?

Granny Sam

Go enquire at the estate office

If you are eligible, you should lose no time
applying to install an Emergency Alarm