

Wavelink launches duress solution for KIRK DECT systems

COBS duress alert handsets provide enhanced protection to vulnerable workers

Sydney, 16 July, 2007 - Wavelink Communications today announced the addition of duress enhancements for its range of successful KIRK adjunct DECT systems. Produced by COBS, this solution provides cordless handsets with duress functionality to vulnerable workers, enhancing levels of personal protection. As well as operating as a fully functional telephone, a COBS cordless phone user requiring assistance can raise an alarm by pushing a dedicated duress button. The system also allows alarms to be generated automatically in the event that the user is incapacitated.

Jonathan Ordman, director of Wavelink said, "Some employees are required to work in environments where their personal safety is at risk. Whether they are lone factory workers, security guards or healthcare providers, COBS duress handsets operating as part of a KIRK DECT system will ensure assistance is rendered as quickly as possible. This not only provides peace of mind to workers at risk of attack or injury, but enables organisations to better meet their OH&S obligations."

As well as the dedicated alarm button, the duress handsets also have options for rip cord activation if the phone is taken away from the user by an attacker, a man down alarm (tilt switch), and location identification, so that someone requiring assistance can be found as quickly as possible.

If the alarm is raised by any of the three methods, a message is sent to other phones or to a messaging alert system such as flashing lights or audible alarms.

The system can also perform a "periodic check" on lone workers by sending regular messages to duress phones, which must be acknowledged within a certain period of time, otherwise the alarm is raised.

"The robust handset design is ideal for those working in harsh environments and the handsets are shock, water and dust resistant. Worker safety is paramount and the COBS duress handsets ensure rapid response to those in danger," said Ordman.

There are three versions of the COBS handsets available:

- C-2110 with duress alarm button
- C-2115 with duress alarm button, with options for tilt switch / man down, rip cord and location capability
- C-2210 with same features as C-2115, except limited call capability (no dial pad)

The COBS family of wireless duress solutions are available via selected specialist Wavelink resellers.

About Wavelink

Wavelink Communications (www.wavelink.com.au) specialises in the supply, marketing and support of a range of leading edge digital wireless voice and messaging solutions. Wavelink distributes a range of products from KIRK telecom and SpectraLink (both now part of Polycom (USA)), Globestar (Canada) and Blick Communications (UK).

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