

## Identifying GPS devices and how they work

### What does a GPS look like?

- GPS devices can come in many forms; a small black box, a hand-held unit, or a small chip in a wristband, and can even be in services like OnStar.™
- GPS devices can be put in objects (such as gifts).

### What does GPS do?

- GPS tracks your location as you move.
- GPS monitoring can be active or passive—if someone is tracking passively, the person will have to physically extract the tracking data. If someone is tracking with active monitoring, the GPS is sending out a signal that lets someone know where you are.

### What should I do if I find a GPS device?

- Be cautious when considering whether or not to remove the GPS device. Removing it could cause you to lose evidence and could also cause the abuser's behaviors to escalate.
- Considered keeping the device in place but telling law enforcement about the device.

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