

## Poacher Catcher



**...It's not often a simple piece of kit turns up and you think straight away – Absolutely Brilliant!**

Poacher Catcher is an intruder device that alerts you of movement (people, vehicles or animals) and alerts you by mobile phone. That's it.... and its so simple to use.

### The Device

The Poacher Catcher landed on my desk and I was eager to open the package to test it, to see if it actually did what it said on the box and after ten minutes, I was satisfied that it did.

The size is approximately 5" x 5" x 2" and contained in a tough black plastic box that can easily be mounted on a wall, tree, fence post or even inside a vehicle or cupboard for that matter.

The company boast that the batteries can last up to 3 - 4 months but I have yet to give it a test that long and I am sure that it will if you use the timer facility.

### Setting Up

Prior to delivery, I informed the suppliers of the two mobile phones that I wanted the unit to report to (although, you can do this yourself and program up to four mobiles and change the numbers easily). After charging, it was simple to unscrew the back and insert a Pay As You Go sim card into the slot, I used an Orange sim with £10 credit, which should last a very long time.

Then you push a connector to link up the battery, replace the rear cover and switch on. After a few seconds it acquires a phone signal and you are then ready to carry out a walk test. Place the device where you want it, switch on and move away from the invisible infrared beam. It will now automatically go into a walk test mode.

To carry out the walk test, walk at 90 degrees to the beam. As soon as you are detected a red light above the sensor will light up and will remain lit whilst you are in the 'field of view'. When you move out of the area, the light will go out. The walk test enables you to identify the arcs that it will cover and also the range, which I managed to get at 12 metres. After 30 seconds, if no more movement is detected the device goes live.



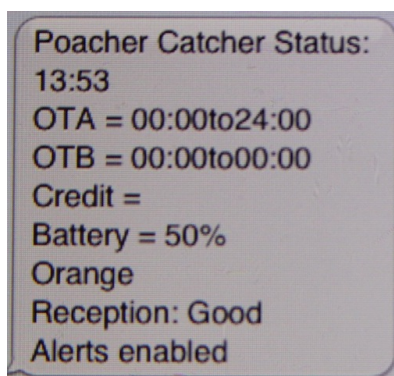
On activation, there are two ways of being notified, either by phone call or text message. I have mine set to phone call and after 35 seconds of activation my mobile is ringing to let me know. If I don't answer and hang up, it terminates the call at no cost, it then dials the second number that I have programmed.

I prefer not to use the text service, not only does it cost every time it notifies you of an activation but texts are known to take days to arrive... By the way, if you use a Vodafone or O2 sim card, the unit will tell you how much credit you have left on the card and it will also notify you battery is down to 20%.

## Reports

The Poacher Catcher can be left switched on 24/7 or you can programme it to come on at say, 6am and go off at 6pm in order to preserve battery life. Programming is made by sending the device a text message.

If you send the device a text with the word 'status', you will instantly receive a text back displaying the time, the times that the device comes on and off if set, the amount of credit left, the battery state and the GPS signal strength.



Poacher Catcher Status:  
13:53  
OTA = 00:00to24:00  
OTB = 00:00to00:00  
Credit =  
Battery = 50%  
Orange  
Reception: Good  
Alerts enabled

## Uses

I can see many uses for this device in the security industry for Close Protection, Asset Protection and Surveillance. It would be effective to use as a surveillance 'trigger' or a 'sentry' if in a static location. I can also see it being used for:-

- Access Control
- Rapid Deployment Perimeter Protection
- Intruder Detection (void properties, houses, buildings, sheds, boats)
- Security of Sensitive areas
- Early Warning for Observation Posts
- Notification of Activity in Remote Areas

If used in a rural setting, it would not be difficult to camouflage it with paint, scrim netting or natural foliage. It would be simple to construct any other sort of hide for concealment.

## Conclusion

A very effective, portable and quick deploying intruder system that is simple to operate and gets 9 out of 10. A brilliant and useful tool.

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