

Bedwetting Alarm Comparison Chart

A bedwetting alarm is a device designed to teach a child to respond to a full bladder by using the toilet during the night. The bedwetting alarm responds to the child's biological need to urinate – the timing and amount of which will vary from night to night. Bedwetting alarms are a mainstay in enuresis treatment and an easy first step for parents to employ.

If you have decided to use a bedwetting alarm, the key to success is choosing the right one. Although most alarms sense moisture and respond by making a sound and/or vibration, there are many differences in the various models.

New alarms are being developed every year. The alarms listed here have all been road-tested for at least a year. When evaluating new products, these rating criteria can be applied.



Brand	Rating	Sound	Sensor	Usability	Turnoff	Warranty	Cost	Comments
Wearable Alarms								
Malem Ultimate	6	●	●	●	●	● 1 year	●	Multiple colors/tones, 2-step turnoff, sound and vibration
Malem	6	●	●	●	●	● 1 year	●	Multiple colors/tones, 2-step turnoff
Wet-Stop 2	4	○	●	●	○	● 1 year	●	Stops sounding after 2 minutes
Sleep Dry	3	●	○	○	○	● 1 year	●	Metal snaps attach to underwear
DRI Sleeper	2	●	○	○	○	○ 60 days	●	Sensor worn in panty liner
Nite Train-r	2	●	○	○	○	○ 60 days	●	Large pads worn inside underwear
Nytone	2	●	○	○	○	○ 30 days	●	Heavy, worn on wrist
Potty Pager	1	○	○	○	○	○ 90 days	●	No sound, vibration only
Pad-type Alarms								
Wet Call	3	●	○	○	●	○ 60 days	●	
Malem	3	●	○	○	●	● 1 year	○	Variable volume

Rating Criteria

Sound - Does the unit emit a loud tone to alert both parent and child, and continue to sound until attended to?

Sensor - Does the unit have a comfortable, easy to use attachment that quickly detects moisture and stays securely attached?

Usability - Is the unit lightweight, easy to set up and reattach during the night? Can children easily use the alarm?

Turnoff - Does the unit prevent children from simply turning the alarm off, or tugging on and removing the sensor to quickly disarm the alarm?

Warranty - Children, on average, require 12 weeks to attain dryness. Is the warranty period for more than 90 days?

Cost - Does the unit cost less than \$100

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● Meets criteria ○ Does not meet criteria