



Gadgets to ease parents' fears

SMART SECURITY: Pier Giorgio Capobianco uses the DNA Bodyguard alarm which sprays attackers. **Picture: MARK BRAKE**

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BODY sprays that trigger an alarm as well as mark criminals during an attack and a GPS-equipped child tracker are the latest gadgets aimed at security-conscious parents.

Adelaide-based DNA Security Solutions made Adelaide pubs and bottle shops safer. Now it is extending its range to parents.

DNA Security co-founder Tania Jolley, mum to five-year-old Charlotte, said she wanted to make parents aware of the choices available. "As a mother,

I know that losing a child or anything happening to them is the worst possible nightmare. I need to be sure I have done everything to protect my child," Ms Jolley said.

The DNA Bodyguard, priced at \$120, makes a high-pitched sound (138 decibels) that works as an alarm and sprays the attacker with a water-like chemical. Once a suspect is caught, the DNA fluid - active for six weeks even if washed - is revealed under ultraviolet light. A processed swab can then hopefully be matched to the crime scene.

The company works closely with investigators and says it has the support of SA Police.

The GPS tracker, Track 2U, can be pinned inside a pocket or on children's clothes and attached to a lanyard for older users. Priced at \$330, it needs to be fitted with an active mobile SIM card and programmed to send text messages to two mobile phones.

It has a button which the child can use to send a "help me" message to the phones in an emergency. It could also be useful for people with Alzheimers disease and autism.