

## Spider-Man



Spider-Man wore the first electronic bracelet.

A sharp-eyed new Mexico judge noticed it on Spiderman's wrist in a 1979 comic strip in the Albuquerque Journal. Evil Kingpin slapped the bracelet on his nemesis so he could track the do-gooder with a rader. Only Kingpin had the key to unlock the cuff. Hmmm. Good idea, thought Jack Love, who at the time was a judge with the New Mexico District Court. What if you could do that with prisoners to prevent them from escaping or praying on other inmates.

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He sent a letter to officials at the New-Mexico Department Of Corrections; pitching his idea. They liked it. But several months later ,a major riot broke out at the New Mexico Penitentiary in which 31 inmates were killed, and the project got shelved.

In 1982 Love thought of it again when he got frustrated about overcrowding at a detention center, their was a 100-day wait too get in the center. He approached IBM, and Honeywell, but neither company was interested. Michael Goss, a salesman at Honeywell thought it was a good idea, though. He quit his job and formed his own company to make the devices.