

Project Lifesaver is an innovative rapid response program aiding victims and families suffering from the ***Alzheimer's disease***; as well as other related disorders such as ***Down syndrome*** and ***Autism***.

Project Lifesaver combines state-of-the-art radio technology along with specialized tracking protocols to recover missing adults and children quickly. While wearing a small watch-like transmitter on their wrist or ankle, the wandering individual gives off a distinct radio frequency. This individual frequency can then be easily tracked at ranges of up to a mile away. Rescue teams are kept small and low key to reduce the visibility and potential embarrassment to affected families.

Over 5,000,000 people in the USA have Alzheimer's. That number will triple by the year 2050. Well over 50% of these people wander and become lost. A lost person with Alzheimer's or other dementia represents a *critical emergency*. They are unaware of their situation; they do not call out for help and do not respond to people calling out to them. Nearly half of them will die and many can become injured or fall victim to predators if they are not located within 24 hours. The number of people, families and communities experiencing this risk will grow dramatically in the next few years.

If you are not yet touched in some way by Alzheimer's or a related disorder, chances are you will be within the next several years. You will find it among neighbors, your friends, co-workers and their families, and perhaps within your own family.

Project Lifesaver is an *active* response to the problem of locating wandering patients before they fall victim to the elements, accidents, or predators.

For more information about what ***Project Lifesaver*** can do for your loved one, please contact any one of the following agencies; Waushara County Emergency Services at (920) 787-0412 or the Aging & Disability Resource Center at (877) 883-5378. You can also find out more on the internet at www.wausharaprojectlifesaver.org