

Project Lifesaver

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Why Is Project Lifesaver Important?

- Approximately 4.5 million Americans have Alzheimer's and related disorders
- Of these, around 60 percent will wander during the course of their disease.
- Many wander at night, when usual search options are difficult. They can also become paranoid and actually hide to avoid rescue.
- This technology can locate any wanderer during the day or night, in any weather -- even if he/she is not cooperating in his/her own rescue effort.



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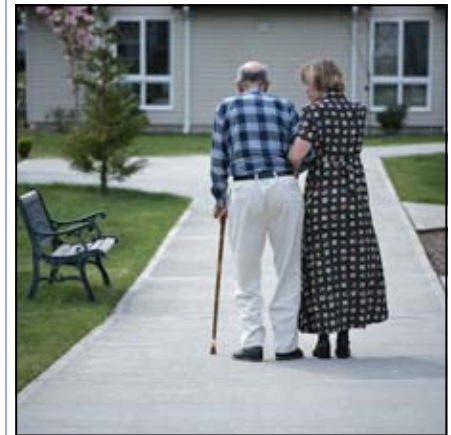
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Because wandering is such a common symptom of Alzheimer's disease, anyone diagnosed with Alzheimer's or dementia is at risk of wandering at any time, even if wandering has not been a problem in the past. It is best to prevent the problem before it occurs, especially considering the

wandering person's chances of survival drop to 50% if not located within 24 hours.

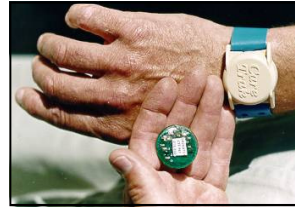
Project Lifesaver is an innovative and rapidly growing program aiding the victims and families suffering Alzheimer's Disease and related disorders such as Autism.

Project Lifesaver Organization

Project Lifesaver, a nonprofit organization, is internationally recognized as an aggressive and proven program that saves lives. It is an active response to the problem of locating wandering patients before they fall victim to the elements or accidents.

How Does Project Lifesaver Work?

Project Lifesaver uses state-of-the-art technology employing a wristband transmitter that emits a unique radio signal 24 hours a day to locate wandering and lost adults and children.



If the person wanders, a call to 9-1-1 by the caregiver triggers a rapid response search by a trained team within the Cowlitz County Search and Rescue that is coordinated through the Sheriff's Office.

Searchers use radio frequency receivers to locate the bracelets. Radio frequency tracking is reliable, practical, and is proven effective. Average location time using this system is less than 30 minutes.

Members of the Project Lifesaver team are specially trained, not only in use of the electronic tracking equipment, but also in the methods to communicate with a person who has Alzheimer's disease or related disorder.



The Project Lifesaver teams know how to approach the person, gain their trust and put them at ease for the trip back home.

What Is The Cost?

To help fund the program, a donation of \$275 is requested upon initial enrollment to help defray the cost of equipment. However, for those who are not in the financial position to contribute, the equipment may be provided free. Once on the program, participants are asked to pay a \$15.00 monthly maintenance fee to pay for the cost of replacement batteries and wristbands.

How Do I Enroll?

To enroll your loved one into Project Lifesaver, contact the Cowlitz County Search and Rescue Coordinator, at the number listed below.



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