

Our Commitment

Project Lifesaver™ provides valuable training in search and rescue techniques as well as technology to keep individuals safe that might wander.

The Vilas County Sheriff's Department has employees specially trained to work with fire and rescue personnel and other agencies to assist in recovering individuals with cognitive disorders and/or medical conditions that place them at risk to wander from home and become lost. The goal of these employees is to keep safe those that are most vulnerable while giving peace of mind to their caregivers.

For more information on Project Lifesaver™ contact the Vilas County Sheriff's Department at 715-479-4441.

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VILAS COUNTY AND PROJECT LIFESAVER™



.....committed to protecting loved ones that might wander.

What is Project Lifesaver™ and how does it work?

Project Lifesaver™ is a system of personnel, training and equipment providing an effective way to keep individuals who might wander safe. Project Lifesaver's mission is to use state of the art technology to assist in the location and recovery of victims of Alzheimer's, Dementia, Autism or other cognitive disorders and return them safely to their caregivers.

The Project Lifesaver™ program coordinates the placement of personalized radio transmitter wristbands on individuals who are at risk of wandering away from their homes. Trained law enforcement teams can then use the transmitter signal to locate these individuals. These teams, responding to calls to locate individuals participating in the Project Lifesaver™ program, have an average rescue time of 30 minutes.

The Vilas County Sheriff's Department has added this capability. Working in coordination with other emergency response agencies, the Department has personnel trained to operate Project Lifesaver™ equipment to assist in the location and safe return of these at risk individuals.

Who is eligible and what are the responsibilities?

- Individuals suffering from Alzheimer's, Dementia, Autism, Down syndrome or other cognitive disorders may be a candidate for Vilas County's Project Lifesaver™ program.
- The Project Lifesaver™ participant must be under 24-hour care.
 - Responsibilities that must be met by the caregiver, include: but are not limited to:
- Caregivers need to conduct daily battery/transmitter tests and record the results on a monthly inspection sheet.
- Caregivers will be contacted each month by a Project Lifesaver™ trained law enforcement officer to arrange a date, time and location for the battery and wristband replacement.



What is the cost of the program?

At this time, due to the funding structure of the program, there is no charge to participate in Vilas County's Project Lifesaver Program.

Vilas County Project Lifesaver™ Application Process

Applications may be obtained from the:

- Vilas County Sheriff's Department
- Vilas County Social Services
- Vilas County Commission on Aging
- Alzheimer's Association
- Or online at www.co.vilas.wi.us.

The Vilas County Project Lifesaver™ Selection Committee then meets with the caregiver and the candidate (if appropriate) to review the program and determine the candidate's eligibility.

If selected to participate, the candidate will be fitted with the Project Lifesaver™ bracelet—thus keeping them safe and providing peace of mind to the caregiver.

