

**DO YOU HAVE A LOVED ONE WITH ALZHEIMER'S,
DOWN'S SYNDROME OR AUTISM
WHO MAY WANDER FROM HOME?
INTRODUCING
PROJECT LIFESAVER**

WHAT IS PROJECT LIFESAVER

Project Lifesaver is a partnership between rescue teams from the local community including Law Enforcement and Public Safety officials to build an effective life-saving system to search for and locate missing persons who are known to wander from home. These include persons with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders such as Down's Syndrome and Autism.

Over 5,000,000 people in the United States have Alzheimer's and related disorders. If one of these persons gets lost, 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.

HOW PROJECT LIFESAVER WORKS

We have combined "tried and true" radio technology with rescue teams and law enforcement from the local community to build an effective life-saving system that has proven itself time and time again to be reliable, responsive, practical and affordable.

Residents who are part of the Project Lifesaver program wear a personalized wristband that emits a tracking signal. When caregivers notify the local Project Lifesaver agency that the person is missing, a search and rescue team responds to the wanderer's area and starts searching with the mobile locator tracking system. Search times have been reduced from hours and days, to minutes.

The Project Lifesaver wristband is much more than a passive ID bracelet. It is a one-ounce battery-operated wrist transmitter emitting an automatic tracking signal every second, 24 hours a day. The signal is tracked on the ground or in the air over several miles. As each wristband has a unique radio frequency, the Project Lifesaver search team positively locates and identifies the person who has wandered away from home or a care facility.

TECHNOLOGY IS ONLY HALF THE STORY

Project Lifesaver emphasizes relationships between team members and the people who may wander before the need may arise for a rescue. Team members visit the home of the bracelet recipients to install the transmitter and make regular visits to maintain the equipment. Project Lifesaver team members are specially trained, not only in the use of the electronic tracking equipment, but especially in the methods to communicate with a person who has Alzheimer's disease or related disorder. Locating the individual is only part of the mission. The person who is located may be disoriented, anxious and

untrusting. The Project Lifesaver team knows how to approach the person, gain their trust and put them at ease for the trip home.

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 neighbor's, your friends, co-workers and their families, and perhaps within your own family.

Project Lifesaver is a non-profit organization that has become internationally recognized as an aggressive and proven program that saves. It is not a registry system. It is an active response to the problem of locating wandering persons before they fall victim to the elements, accidents or predators.

For more information, or to bring Project Lifesaver to your loved one, contact Ohio Valley Search and Rescue, P. O. Box 2486, Evansville, Indiana 47728 or on the web at www.ovsar.org.