

How Project Lifesaver Works

Project Lifesaver relies on proven radio technology and Albemarle County Deputies who are specially trained in search and rescue. The clients enrolled in the Project Lifesaver Program wear a small state-of-the-art battery powered transmitter on their wrist or ankle that emits an individualized tracking signal 24 hours a day.



If the enrolled client goes missing, the caregiver should immediately notify emergency services by dialing **9-1-1**. Once the Sheriff's Office is notified, trained Deputies will respond to the location where the client was last seen and start searching with specialized mobile receivers that track the assigned client's transmitter to locate the wandering individual.



Project Lifesaver is an active system that relies on technology to bring the missing person back home. Search time has been reduced from hours or days to an average of 30 minutes.

Our mission is to provide signal transmitters to individuals who are diagnosed with a cognitive disorder, such as Alzheimer's, Dementia, Down Syndrome, Autism Spectrum Disorder, or other related cognitive disorders. When wearing an operational transmitter, it allows us to quickly locate the transmitter and in turn those who have wandered or who have become lost.

If you would like more information or if you know someone who needs to be enrolled in the Project Lifesaver Program, please contact:

**ALBEMARLE COUNTY
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Project Lifesaver Coordinator
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**PROJECT
LIFESAVER**

**A rescue program for "at risk"
individuals who are prone to the
life threatening behavior of
wandering.**

What is Project Lifesaver

Project Lifesaver is a national, proactive electronic tracking program used to assist in locating missing people who are “at risk”. The Albemarle County Sheriff’s Office offers this service for county residents who are caring for loved ones with Alzheimer’s, Dementia or other special needs conditions, such as children with Down Syndrome or Autism Spectrum Disorder, who are likely to wander away from caregivers or have difficulty communicating with rescuers.



A lost child with Autism or Down Syndrome, or an adult wandering due to Dementia, constitutes a critical emergency and presents challenges to deputies in search and rescue operations. While we cannot predict when a person will become lost, we can prepare for it.

We have teams of trained deputies and special tracking equipment to help locate missing persons who are enrolled in the Albemarle County Sheriff’s Office Project Lifesaver Program.

***Project Lifesaver Offers
Peace of Mind***

Why Project Lifesaver?

The Project Lifesaver Program is a low cost solution that offers the highest degree of “Peace of Mind” to the loved ones of an individual who is “at risk” of wandering and becoming lost.

Rapid Response

The Albemarle County Sheriff’s Office can respond rapidly in the event that a client wearing the transmitter becomes missing. Deputies assigned to the Project Lifesaver Program are situated throughout the county and are available to respond when called upon.



Proven Technology

The Project Lifesaver Program uses Radio Frequency (RF) technology for its client’s transmitters. The major advantages to using RF technology is its accuracy of signal and strength of signal. The signal is minimally diminished by physical obstructions or weather. Unlike GPS and assisted GPS, RF technology does not require signals from satellites or cell phone towers. RF technology relies on no other technology to work.

Who is Eligible?

- All Albemarle County residents with a qualifying medical condition are eligible for enrollment.
- Must be diagnosed with Alzheimer’s, Dementia, Down Syndrome, Autism Spectrum Disorder, or other related cognitive disorder.
- Must be currently cared for in the home.
- Caregiver must be able to inspect transmitter on a daily basis.

What is my next Step?

1. Contact the Albemarle County Sheriff’s Office, Project Lifesaver Coordinator and ask to be enrolled.
2. A deputy will come to the residence to meet with the caregiver, gather client specific information, attach a personalized transmitter to the client and instruct the caregiver on the proper use and care of the equipment.
3. On a bi-monthly basis, a deputy will arrange to come to the residence to inspect, service and change the transmitter’s battery.

What does is Cost?

- There is a one time fee of \$330.00 to cover the cost of the personalized transmitter and the first year of replacement batteries.
- After the first year, the yearly cost is \$40 to cover the replacement batteries.
- Financial aide is available for those in need.
- There are no other costs to those who are enrolled in the Project Lifesaver Program.