

## What is the process for enrolling in Project Lifesaver:

- ◆ Complete and return an application
- ◆ Once approved, the client will be fitted with the Lifesaver bracelet



## Whom do I Contact?

### For Children:

Sauk County Dept Human Services  
608-355-4200

### For Older Adults or Adults with Disabilities:

ADRC of Sauk County  
608-355-3289



## What are the family or caregiver's responsibilities?

- ◆ Check the transmitter battery daily
- ◆ Update the log daily with information about the participant's clothing, etc.
- ◆ Coordinate with sheriff's department staff to make monthly visits to ensure equipment is working properly and replace the transmitter battery



## How much does it cost?

There is no cost to families who participate as long as **Project Lifesaver** funds are available.

## How is Project Lifesaver funded?

There are costs associated with making **Project Lifesaver** available. There is a one-time cost of \$300 for each person who is enrolled in the program and approximately \$100 per year spent on replacement batteries. Other staff and administrative costs are provided by the sponsoring agencies.

These funds come primarily from contributions from local businesses and individual community partners. Individuals or businesses may make contributions in memory of or in honor of someone special. No donation is too small or too large. It is the community's efforts that make the program possible.

The number of people who may enroll will be determined by the donations received by the project.

Donations may be sent on behalf of **Project Lifesaver** to:

Greater Sauk County Community Foundation  
PO Box 544, Baraboo WI 53913

Donations to Project Lifesaver are tax deductible.

**Project Lifesaver**  
*protects people who wander,  
gives peace of mind to families and caregivers and  
represents significant economic savings  
for taxpayers.*

# Project Lifesaver



*A collaborative effort to help keep your loved one safe.*



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**Project Lifesaver**

## Sponsored by:

- ◆ Sauk County Department of Human Services
- ◆ Sauk County Sheriff's Department
- ◆ Aging & Disability Resource Center of Sauk County

## What Does Project Lifesaver Do?

The goal is to ensure that persons in this program who may become lost will be safely returned to their home and family. It is designed to assist in the tracking and locating of such persons in the event they were to leave their home unsupervised.

## Who is eligible?

**Project Lifesaver** is offered to:

- ◆ Sauk County residents
- ◆ who have been diagnosed with a condition which may cause them to wander away from their home. Some examples of these conditions are:
  - ◆ Autism
  - ◆ Alzheimer's Disease and other age-related dementias
  - ◆ Down Syndrome
  - ◆ Traumatic Brain Injury
  - ◆ Other conditions with wandering behavior patterns

## How does it work?

Citizens enrolled in **Project Lifesaver** wear a small personal transmitter around the wrist or ankle

that emits an individualized tracking signal. If a participant in the program goes missing, the caregiver notifies their local Project Lifesaver agency, and a trained emergency team responds to the wanderer's area.

## What are the benefits?

Families and caregivers live with an enormous amount of stress when their loved one suffers from a serious condition. The ability to quickly find them should they wander from home brings a comfort that no other method can provide.

Most who wander are found within a few miles from home, and search times have been reduced from hours and days to minutes. Average recovery times are 30 minutes. This is 95% less time than using standard operations. The ability to quickly and safely return a wandering person to their home provides the best possible result at minimal cost to taxpayers.

