





If you would like more information or if you know someone who needs to be enrolled in this program, please contact:

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A rescue program for individuals with "Wandering Syndrome,"
A symptom common to many brain related disorders.

"Finding the lost at any cost"



# PROJECT LIFESAVER



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### What is Project Lifesaver?

#### How does it work?

## Who is eligible?

Project Lifesaver is a national, proactive, electronic tracking program used to assist in locating missing people. The Madison 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 officers in search and rescue operations. While we cannot predict when a person will become

lost, we can prepare. We have teams of trained officers and special tracking equipment to help locate missing persons who are enrolled in the Madison County Project Lifesaver Program. A personalized state-of-the-art battery powered transmitter, the size of a wrist watch, is worn by the person, and provides a unique radio signal 24 hours a day. If a person is missing, the care-giver immediately notifies 911.



Once the sheriff's office is notified that a person is missing, officers identify the signal from a specialized directional antenna and are able to track the wandering person. Officers use this equipment on foot, in cars and also by air, providing maximum coverage.

Search time has been reduced from hours or days to an average of 30 minutes.

Project Lifesaver is an active system that relies on technology to bring the missing person back home.

- All Madison County residents who qualify are eligible for free enrollment.
- Must be diagnosed with Alzheimer's, Dementia, Down Syndrome, Autism, or other brain related disorders.
- Must no longer be able/allowed to drive a motor vehicle.
- Must have a Caregiver with 24/7 supervision.
- Caregiver must inspect battery daily.



## What is my next Step?

- Request an application from the Madison County Sheriff's Office. Applications can be printed online at www.madisonflsheriff.org or contact CAPT. Jarrod Lauth at (850) 253-3322.
- A deputy will meet with the individual and process the application.
- Individuals will come to the Madison County Jail every two months for service and battery changes. REV 9/7/23

Project Lifesaver Offers Peace of Mind.