

Statistics

Currently 5.2 million Americans suffer from Alzheimer's with as many as 16 million cases expected by 2050. Wandering, the most life-threatening behavior associated with Alzheimer's, affects 59 percent of patients and 45 percent of those cases end tragically in death if the person is not located within 24 hours. Autism, which is the fastest growing developmental disability that now afflicts one in every 110 children, can also cause children to wander.



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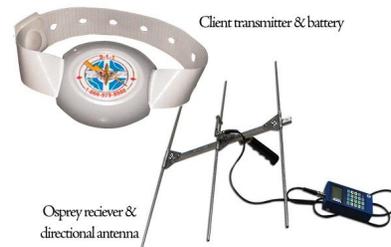
Project Lifesaver

McCracken County Sheriff's Department and McCracken County Emergency Management will be teaming together to start Project Lifesaver for McCracken County. Project Lifesaver (PLS) is a non-profit organization that since 1999 has developed a network of more than 1,000 law enforcement and other public safety agencies nationwide, which have been trained and certified in the use of electronic search and rescue technology. The primary mission of PLS is to provide timely response to save lives and reduce potential injury for adults and children who wander due to Alzheimer's, autism, and other related cognitive conditions.



How to get started

- Contact a McCracken County Sheriff's Department PLS Representative
- Fill out a member contract and client profile forms
- Client gets fitted with a transmitter and assigned a frequency



- Pay a Monthly fee of \$25 to cover operation and maintenance
- You will be in charge of daily batteries checks and will be given a check sheet log
- Monthly battery change and equipment check done by MCSO Trained PLS Representative



The task of PLS is to search for wandering or lost individuals with Alzheimer's, Autism, Down syndrome, dementia or other cognitive conditions. Without effective procedures and equipment, searches can involve multiple agencies, hundreds of officers, countless man hours and thousands of dollars. Citizens enrolled in PLS wear a small personal transmitter that emits an individualized tracking signal. If an enrolled client goes missing, the caregiver notifies their local PLS agency, and an emergency team responds to the wanderer's area. Most who wander are found within a few miles from home, and search times have been reduced from hours and days to minutes. Recovery times for PLI clients average 30 minutes — 95% less time than standard operations. Law Enforcement will work hand in hand with trained McCracken County Emergency Management; PLS will help you save time, money and most importantly, your loved ones.

