Project Lifesaver

The primary mission of Project Lifesaver 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 conditions or disorders.

Citizens enrolled in Project Lifesaver wear a small personal transmitter around the wrist or ankle that emits an individualized tracking signal. If an enrolled client goes missing, the caregiver notifies the Norwalk Police Department, and a trained 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.

Here are some facts:

- Approximately 1 in 8 people older than 65 and 50% of those over the age of 85 have Alzheimer’s disease.
- 60% of people with dementia will wander off at some point.
- Survival rate of an Alzheimer’s patient is only 50% if gone for 24 hours.
- Autistic children often wander off and have no sense of physical danger.
- Missing persons with Alzheimer’s disease or Autism usually do not call out for help or respond to those who may be searching.

For more information on Project Lifesaver visit:
http://www.Projectlifesaver.org

Project Lifesaver Program is offered 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. Funding is a result of private and corporate donations and grants. Norwalk Police Department is always accepting donations to support this worthy program. Donations are used to purchase new transmitters and associated equipment. Your tax deductible contributions are greatly appreciated. Checks can be made out to Project Lifesaver International and delivered to Norwalk Police Department, 1 Monroe Street, Norwalk, CT 06854, Attn: Sgt Sofia Gulino.
Frequently asked questions:

*Where can I get more information?*
Please contact Norwalk Police Department Sergeant Sofia Gulino by phone or e-mail:

**(203)854-3037**

sgulino@norwalkct.org

*How do I apply?*
An application will need to be completed and can be obtained using the contact information above.

*How much does it cost?*
The initial cost for the bracelet, transmitter and battery is $300. Norwalk Police Department accepts donations to assist families that cannot afford the program.

*Who will supply replacement batteries and bracelets?*
Trained Norwalk Police officers visit the home of the client monthly to change the battery and replace the bracelet.

**RAPID RESPONSE**
- Battery-powered bracelet
- Weight equals one ounce
- Emits a radio-tracking signal 24 hours a day

**Do not delay – call 9-1-1!**
If a Project Lifesaver Client is missing, call 9-1-1 immediately and inform the Norwalk Police dispatcher that the missing person is equipped with a Project Lifesaver tracking device. Quick response is critical and increases the chances of the safe return of your loved one.