



### How often will I be in contact with the Project Lifesaver staff?

Following the initial visit, the Sheriff's Office will make monthly visits to the participant's home or school setting to change the batteries and update relevant information as necessary.

The Care Manager will be in contact with the caregiver and available as a resource to the participant and caregiver. Ongoing assistance is available via telephone and in-home visits by the Care Manager.

All information supplied to the County will be treated in a confidential manner and will only be used to assist in the Project Lifesaver Program.

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For more information call:  
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**1-877-222-3737 ADRC Toll Free**

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### Project Lifesaver Program

Assistance for Individuals  
Who Wander and Peace of Mind  
for Caregivers and Families

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A cooperative program  
involving the Middlesex County  
Sheriff's Department and the  
Middlesex County  
Office of Aging & Disabled Services

## Middlesex County's Program

The Middlesex County Project Lifesaver Program was launched in the fall of 2005, through the initiative of Freeholders Blanquita Valenti and Christopher Rafano. This program combines the work of the Sheriff's Department & the Office of Aging & Disabled Services.

### What is Project Lifesaver?

Project Lifesaver is a national program that uses radio technology to help locate missing persons. Participants wear a bracelet, equipped with a transmitter, which can aid specially trained Sheriff's Officers in locating them once reported missing. The bracelet requires daily monitoring by the caregiver.

### Who is Eligible?

Middlesex County residents (age 5 and over), with a history of wandering due to illness or disability, (for example: Autism, Alzheimer's) and requires 24-hour supervision.

A caregiver must live with participant in the community and be able to check the bracelet battery signal daily.

### What does the bracelet look like?

The bracelet is approximately the size of a large wristwatch. The bracelet is plastic, lightweight and water resistant.



Each bracelet has a unique radio frequency. The bracelet can be worn on the wrist or ankle.

Project Lifesaver does not replace the need for constant supervision and monitoring of a person prone to wandering and is not intended to replace an alarm or other safety equipment.

### What does the program cost?

Current County funding allows for a limited number of participants to receive this service **free** of charge.

### How do I apply?

In order to register for the program, interested individuals should call the **Middlesex County Office of Aging and Disabled Services at 732-745- 3295.**

A brief pre-registration form will be completed over the phone with the caregiver. Further information on the program, a Liability Release form and Physician Certification form (to be

completed by the participant's doctor) will then be mailed to the caregiver.

### What happens after I complete the application forms?

Upon receipt of the completed materials, a care-manager will make a home visit to answer questions and provide any other needed referrals. In addition, the care-manager will place an in-active "test" bracelet on the participant that will be worn for an approximate two week time period to become comfortable with the bracelet. After this brief orientation period, the Sheriff's Office will schedule their visit.

At this visit, a thorough history of the participants wandering and other behaviors will be gathered and the participant will be photographed.

The Sheriff's Department will share this information with the local police department.

The participant will receive the transmitter bracelet and the caregiver will be trained how to conduct daily monitoring of the battery signal.