

## HOW IT WORKS

Project Lifesaver is a program first implemented in Broome County in 2015 to assist families in locating a loved one lost while wandering due to disease or special need.

The Project Lifesaver Program consists of a band transmitter, not much larger than a wrist watch, placed on an ankle or wrist.

The band transmits a specific FM radio frequency, which can be used by Sheriff Deputies to identify the individual's location using special equipment.

The individual's information is stored confidentially at the Broome County 911 Communication Center for quick access. Upon notification of an incident, trained members of the Sheriff's Office will respond with a directional receiver designed to locate the missing client.



**"Project Lifesaver is a valuable, proven resource for local families living with Alzheimer's disease, Autism, Down syndrome, Traumatic Brain Injury and other similar issues. It's a critical tool to help families and Sheriff's Deputies locate loved ones in cases of wandering."**

**- Sheriff Frederick J. Akshar II**

## TO LEARN MORE ABOUT PROJECT LIFESAVER

CALL

607-778-2391

OR EMAIL

[PROJECTLIFESAVER@BROOMECOUNTYNY.GOV](mailto:PROJECTLIFESAVER@BROOMECOUNTYNY.GOV)



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155 Lt. VanWinkle Drive  
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# PROJECT LIFESAVER

**PROTECTING VULNERABLE  
COMMUNITY MEMBERS  
AND BRINGING PEACE OF MIND  
TO FAMILIES AND FRIENDS.**



BRINGING LOVED ONES

# HOME

## HOW TO ENROLL

**Individuals can enter the Project Lifesaver Program simply by having the caregiver contact the Sheriff's Office by calling (607)778-2391 or emailing [ProjectLifesaver@broomecountyny.gov](mailto:ProjectLifesaver@broomecountyny.gov)**

The program is open to individuals who reside in Broome County and have a history of wandering or significant concern of wandering.

A Project Lifesaver certified Sheriff's member will schedule a meeting with the caregiver and the client to discuss the program

A deposit is needed to ensure the return of the transmitter once it is no longer needed.

Once the program is established, a Deputy will remind you once a month to replace the battery & band and discuss any possible changes that may have occurred.

**Project Lifesaver is a tool to assist in locating someone that has wandered away and their location is unknown.**

**It is not designed to replace proper caretaking.**

**If a client is missing, it is important to call 911 right away and then contact the Sheriff's Office at (607)778-1911.**



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## PLEASE NOTE

Potential clients may be turned down due to the lack of proper care taken at home. Project Lifesaver is a plan C if one has wandered. It is encouraged that proper care is taken well before you consider Project Lifesaver.

Considerations are:

**Proper caregiver supervision of client**  
**Proper locks and security at residence**  
**Prepared plan in place for wandering**



If your loved one is in fact missing or has wandered away, it is imperative that you call 911 prior to calling the Sheriff's Office. You may be in an area that has a police agency that can assist you prior to Deputies responding to help find your loved one.

Deputies patrol all of Broome County, but are secondary units for areas with their own law enforcement agencies.