

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How often are the batteries changed?

Batteries are changed every 60 days.

Is there a specific age for this program?

No! Participants must only meet the requirements of the program, which does not include an age requirement.

How do I locate a lost individual?

Dial 9-1-1 and inform the telecommunicator that the missing individual participates in Project Lifesaver. The appropriate resources will be dispatched to assist.



Johnston County Sheriff's Office

(919) 989-5010
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Johnston County Emergency Services Emergency Management Division

(919) 989-5050 (Press Option 3)
johnstonnc.gov/projectlifesaver



PROJECT LIFESAVER

A public safety initiative in Johnston County.



What is Project Lifesaver?

Project Lifesaver is a rapid response program that locates people with cognitive impairments such as Alzheimer's, Autism, Down Syndrome, Dementia, and other impairments that may cause an individual to wander away from their caregivers.

How does it work?

Individuals enrolled in the program wear a battery-operated transmitter on their wrist or ankle that admits a tracking signal. If the individual wanders away from their caregiver, the caregiver notifies 9-1-1. The Johnston County Sheriff's Office goes to the individual's last known location and uses a mobile receiver to pick up the signal and assist to aid the search effort.



A Sheriff's Deputy using the Project Lifesaver Mobile Receiver to pick up a signal of a lost individual.

Who Can Be In The Program?

Any person, regardless of age, can apply to the program if they meet the following criteria:



Lives in Johnston County



Has diagnosis of cognitive impairment



Has documented history of wandering away from a caregiver



Has a caregiver who will check the battery every day and keep a log



Must be willing to wear the transmitter at all times



Must live at home with a caregiver and have 24/7 supervision

What Does It Cost To Participate?

The program is **FREE** to those who meet the requirements. Funding by the Johnston County Sheriff's Office, Johnston County Emergency Services - Emergency Management Division, and private donations supports the full cost of the program.

Caregiver Responsibilities

- Test the client's transmitter at least once daily
- Check the condition of the transmitter strap daily
- Maintain a log sheet of battery and strap condition
- Notify Emergency Management promptly if there is a problem with the Project Lifesaver equipment
- Availability to meet with a program representative every 60 days to change the transmitter battery
- Most importantly, immediately call 911 if the client wanders

Other Location Devices

While Project Lifesaver is available in Johnston County and has the potential to save lives, it can be supplemented with other location devices.

Apple Airtags, Tile Trackers, the Life360 Mobile App, and other GPS-based tracking devices are recommended to supplement this program and provide additional peace of mind to caregivers.