



## Project Lifesaver Fact Sheet



*Project Lifesaver has helped provide families peace of mind daily; knowing their loved one has protection and safety in case they wander.*

### About Project Lifesaver

The Halton Regional Police Service (HRPS) and other police services regularly respond to emergencies involving missing persons suffering a cognitive disorder.

Project Lifesaver Halton is a proactive life protection program for individuals living with cognitive disorders. The program enhances the probability of the individual's rescue and makes it possible to reduce the search effort from days and hours to minutes. This program combines radio technology with a coordinated police response to assist in locating wandering and disorientated loved ones.

Individuals who live with a cognitive disorder and are at risk to wander or bolt can be considered eligible for the Project Lifesaver Halton program.

### How It Works

Participants in the Project Lifesaver Halton program wear a personalized wristband that emits a tracking signal. The wristband is a one ounce, battery-operated wrist transmitter emitting an FM radio frequency-based signal that emits a signal every second, 24 hours a day. It has been proven that these transmitters are able to track through obstacles, such as concrete walls and heavy forest.

When caregivers notify Halton Regional Police Service their loved one is missing, trained police officers will use Project Lifesaver equipment to search for and locate the missing person.

Project Lifesaver Halton saves lives and further serves the community by significantly reducing the need for extensive search and rescue operations that are often extremely costly in human and financial terms.

*"Through the Project Lifesaver program, the Halton Regional Police Service are committed to bringing loved ones home."*

*Chief Stephen Tanner*





## Application Process

1. Screening of applicants to confirm they meet Project Lifesaver Halton criteria.
2. The Victim Services Unit provides information to applicants about the program and equipment.
3. Registration of applicants to the Project Lifesaver Halton program.

There is an initial charge of \$400 for the transmitter and a \$60 annual battery and strap charge; however, subsidy may be available for low-income participants.

Once enrolled in the program, a representative from the Victim Services Unit will attend your residence and collect any necessary paperwork. They will ensure the transmitter is working properly and explain the reporting procedure if your loved one goes missing. The Victim Services Unit will be in contact with the caregiver to make arrangements to change the participant's transmitter battery and strap every 60 days. The appointment usually lasts 15 minutes and takes place in your loved one's home.

## Who is Eligible?

Project Lifesaver Halton helps families to protect members who may wander or bolt; typically individuals living with Alzheimer's disease, autism, down syndrome, acquired brain injury or other kinds of cognitive impairment.

- This program applies to those who have a history of wandering or who a physician has indicated may wander because of a cognitive disability or impairment (and not related to interpersonal, parental, familial, child care or caregiver issues)
- Participants must be a resident of Halton Region
- This program is not available for those who do not have a responsible individual or caregiver caring for them 24 hours a day
- Participants and/or their legal guardian or substitute decision-maker must understand and agree that radio-locating technology used in this project is not intended as a substitute for responsible childcare or caregiver practices



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