

PROJECT LIFESAVER OF ORANGE COUNTY NY

Caregiver Information and Instructions

About Project Lifesaver

Those enrolled wear a small personal transmitter around the wrist or ankle that emits an individualized tracking signal via radio frequency. If an enrolled person goes missing, the caregiver notifies 911 and a trained emergency team from the Sheriff's office responds with locator equipment.

Cost

- Initial Kit =one time cost of \$300.00 includes Transmitter, Lubricant, Six Bands/Straps, Six 60 Day Batteries, Tester, Black "O" Ring,
- Additional Batteries \$.95
- Additional Bands/Straps vinyl or nylon \$1.75
- Nylon bands require a snap lock@ \$.25 each

Criteria for Enrollment

- school aged child or adult; and
- diagnosis of Autism, Alzheimer's or other related disorders; and
- at risk or history of wandering, eloping or becoming disoriented; and
- has in place 24/7 supervision (e.g., parent, family, school, day service); and
- will tolerate wearing the band/bracelet on the wrist or ankle; and
- resides in Orange County, N.Y. with primary caregiver

Caregiver Commitment

- daily battery checks
- battery replacement every 60 days
- maintain documentation of checks and replacement
- submit annual updates with a new digital picture
- purchase a new set of batteries annually

Application Process

- Submit completed application with schedule of supervision; and
- A recent digital headshot; and
- Documentation of a qualifying diagnosis; and
- Where applicable, documentation of legal authority to apply for enrollment on behalf of the individual (e.g. legal guardian, power of attorney, custodial parent). Please note that in cases of joint, physical, and residential custody, both parties must sign off on the caregiver commitment.

Submit all to: Project Lifesaver of Orange County
Orange County Department of Mental Health (OCDMH)
30 Harriman Drive
Goshen, New York 10924
Fax: 845-294-2628

Email: jschmidt@orangecountygov.com

Do not send payment until you have been approved!

Purchase

When approved, remit a one-time payment in the amount of \$300.00 to the OCDMH via cash, check or money order payable to the County of Orange. The OCDMH will enroll the individual and purchase a kit through Project Lifesaver International. A limited number of free kits are available for children on the autism spectrum based on household income. Resources may be available to assist others.

Pick Up

The OCDMH will contact you when your kit arrives and schedule an appointment for pick up. At that time, there will be an inventory of kit content, observation of caregiver assembly with proper seal of the transmitter and battery check. Please allow for 30 minutes.

Required Daily Battery Check and Replacement

To test the battery, place the battery tester on the round face of the band/bracelet and a pulsating red light should appear. Batteries must be replaced every 60 days. Caregivers are required to document daily battery checks and replacement using the log provided. Copies can be found at www.orangecountynddconnection.com. The OCDMH reserves the right to randomly request copies of completed battery checks. Inability or failure to comply may be cause for disenrollment.

Annually

At or around the 10th month of enrollment, the OCDMH will send a reminder that it's time to purchase new batteries and bands and if applicable, update information, The cost is less than \$10.00. Upon receipt of payment and updated information.

Notifications

Call the OCDMH at 291-2622

- if the enrollee is unable to tolerate and/or able to remove the bracelet. We may be able to assist with strategies to help with this.
- If the enrollee moves
- If the enrollee will be away from the county for an extended period of time

Other Important Information

The Sheriff's office will conduct random signal checks by driving by your home. If there is an issue with your signal they will contact you.

If the enrollee attends school or you plan to travel outside of Orange County, you can check for the availability of Project Lifesaver services in that area at www.projectlifesaver.org

If Your Loved One is Missing

Check all obvious places you suspect he/she might be. If you are unable to locate him/her, call 911 immediately!. Do not delay reporting. Every minute counts. Don't worry about the potential "false alarm". Authorities will be happy to know that your loved one is safe.