



PROJECT LIFESAVER ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Thank you for your interest in PROJECT LIFESAVER! DSA is prepared to provide you with important information and to begin scheduling enrollment appointments! To ensure you are well informed, please read through **ALL** the FAQ below before scheduling an appointment to enroll.

PROJECTLIFESAVER-Omaha

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is PROJECT LIFESAVER?

PROJECT LIFESAVER was founded to help locate individuals who wander from safety and expedite their safe return home. PROJECT LIFESAVER uses a battery-operated transmitter band that a child or adult wears on the wrist or ankle that emits individualized radio frequencies. Should the enrolled individual go missing, the caregiver notifies 911, and the Omaha Police Department responds with a team of Electronic Search Specialists.

2. What are the criteria for enrolling in Project Lifesaver - Omaha?

Does your loved one....

- ✓ Have a Down syndrome diagnosis?
- ✓ Have a history of wandering from safe places?
- ✓ Reside, attend school, or work within the Omaha city limits?
- ✓ Have the ability/willingness to wear a secure band on the wrist or ankle?
- ✓ Have a caregiver committed to proper equipment maintenance and reporting?

If you answered "yes" to all these questions, then PROJECT LIFESAVER may be able to bring you some peace of mind! If you answered "no" to any of the questions, you may skip to question #6.

3. How much does PROJECT LIFESAVER cost?

Thanks to a grant, DSA is offering transmitters to families who qualify at no charge. The cost of a Project Lifesaver bracelet is \$325.00. We ask families who are able, to please consider paying it forward with a donation of \$325 (or any amount that is comfortable) so we can continue to protect most the vulnerable individuals with Down syndrome.

What will happen at my enrollment appointment?

1. An staff member will ask questions and collect your documentation to ensure that your loved one is eligible for the program.
2. You will provide critical information about your loved one and a staff member will take photos.
3. You will review and sign related paperwork.

4. You will have an opportunity to “pay it forward” through a donation for future Project Lifesaver recipients.
5. You will receive training on proper maintenance and reporting procedures.
6. Your loved one will be outfitted with a transmitter bracelet.
7. You will receive a tester device and folder containing all the information you will need for reference after you leave our office.
8. You can expect the appointment to last approximately one hour.

5. What will I need to bring?

1. The individual who will be wearing the bracelet. It is necessary to bring your loved one to the enrollment appointment so we can take photos and secure the Project Lifesaver bracelet.
2. Documentation of the diagnosis.
3. Documentation of guardianship if you are not the parent OR if you have guardianship over a loved one 19+ years of age.

6. What if my loved one is not a good match for PROJECT LIFESAVER, but I am still concerned about him/her leaving safe settings?

If your loved one has is not a good match for PROJECT LIFESAVER, **WANDERFLAG** is another option. A **WANDERFLAG** is part of a police database that stores photos and information about individuals prone to wandering from safety. Should an individual go missing, officers can learn about the individual’s needs, preferences, triggers, and any other information that could expedite a search and reunification.

8. What if my loved one does not have Down syndrome, but I am still concerned about him/her leaving safe settings?

The Omaha Police Department has the technology and training to use Project Lifesaver with any individuals who could benefit from it. Due to funding and resource limitations, DSA is only able to issue bracelets to individuals diagnosed with Down syndrome. At this time, we are unaware of other organizations administering Project Lifesaver bracelets to individuals in the Omaha metro area.

9. What if I have additional questions, require special accommodations for enrollment, or am ready to schedule an enrollment appointment?

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