

Safety Programs/Silver Alert



Anyone with memory problems and is able to walk is at risk for wandering and getting lost. Wandering is common among people with dementia and it can happen during any stage of the disease. Wandering among people with dementia is dangerous; they may not remember their name or address, and can become disoriented, even in familiar places. Here's information to plan ahead for this type of situation.

A Silver Alert is a notification that is sent out statewide, similar to an Amber Alert, if a loved one goes missing, is an endangered person 50 years or older or an endangered person with a clear indication the individual suffers from Alzheimer's disease or another form of dementia, of any age.

How it works: Fill out a Silver Alert Report form with as much information as possible; attach a recent color photograph to the form, then take both to your local law enforcement agency.

☎ 1-800-432-2080, TTY, 505-476-4937 🖨 <https://www.dps.nm.gov/silver-alert-information>
🖨 www.nmaging.state.nm.us/silver-alert.aspx

The Alzheimer's Association® Safety Programs:

- **MedicAlert® + Alzheimer's Association Safe Return®** provide a MedicAlert® identification bracelet or pendant jewelry that comes engraved with the MedicAlert® + **Alzheimer's Association Safe Return®** 24-hour nationwide emergency toll free number that utilizes a community support network, including local Alzheimer Association chapters and law enforcement agencies, for locating individuals with Alzheimer's or a related dementia that wander, or have a medical emergency, no matter when or where the person is reported missing.
- **Project Lifesaver** is an enrollment based program. Enrolled citizens wear a small personal transmitter around their wrist or ankle that emits an individualized tracking signal. If an enrolled citizen goes missing, the caregiver notifies the local Project Lifesaver agency, and a trained emergency team responds. Available only in certain locations in New Mexico.
☎ 505-266-4473, 1-800-272-3900 🖨 <https://www.alz.org/care/alzheimers-dementia-safety.asp>