



We Rage, We Weep
Alzheimer Foundation

Project Lifesaver of Greater Victoria

We Rage, We Weep Alzheimer Foundation is proud to introduce its first program in Victoria's Capital Regional District (CRD). Project Lifesaver is a wander location program for those with Alzheimer Disease (AD) or related dementia.

The Threat of Wandering

Wandering is the most life-threatening behaviour associated with people who have AD or related dementia. Approximately 59% of persons with dementia wander of those 59%, 72% will do so repeatedly. The survival rate of a person with cognitive impairment, in good physical condition, that is missing up to 24 hours is 50%. After 24 hours, they will usually be severely injured or dead.

What is Project Lifesaver?

Project Lifesaver is a complete program integrating law enforcement, search and rescue, people with Alzheimer Disease or related dementia and their caregivers with training, technology and education. This program has proven to save lives and enables those conducting the search to save time, money and staffing.

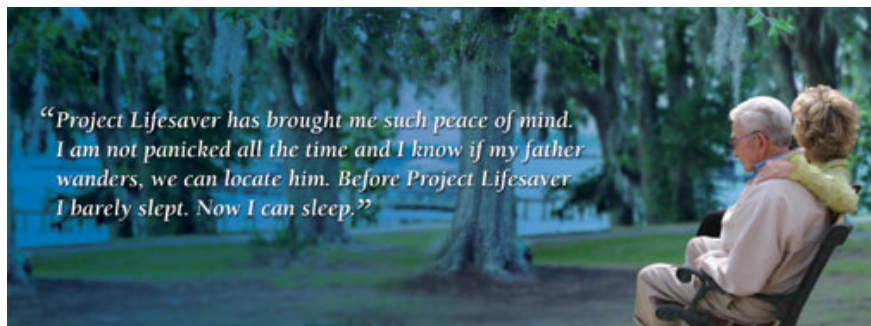
Project Lifesaver is the only public safety program that uses electronic tracking equipment to locate citizens who wander. Project Lifesaver is currently operating in over 700 communities throughout North America with 8,000-10,000 active users. Over 1700 searches have been performed, with a 100% success rate and an average find time less than 30 minutes.

Communities that have implemented Project Lifesaver experience a positive community impact and immediate social benefits. Search times and budgets spent by First Responder to locate missing persons are greatly reduced. Project Lifesaver dramatically increases the chances of survival for the person who has wandered, and provides caregivers peace of mind.

How the Project Lifesaver program works.

A medical professional must identify a person as wander prone due to Alzheimer Disease or related dementia. The person may then be enrolled as a Project Lifesaver client. The client wears a small radio transmitter/ locator, the size of a large watch, on the wrist or ankle with a non-removable strap. If a client wanders away, care providers immediately call 911, and indicate the missing person is a participant in the Project Lifesaver program.

Search & Rescue arrive to the point where the client was last seen, and commence their search using the locating receiver equipment. The locator receiver indicates where the client is from up to 2 km away, allowing them to locate the client quickly and return them to safety.



Project Lifesaver of Greater Victoria Partners

Project Lifesaver of Greater Victoria is a three-way partnership between Search & Rescue Society of BC who will perform the searches, the Commissionaires who will provide home visits to ensure the equipment is functioning optimally and the program continues to meet the needs of the caregiver and/or person with AD as intended and We Rage, We Weep Alzheimer Foundation who will administrate and market the program plus provide funding for as mainly clients as possible to participate in this valuable service. A brief overview of each partner is as follows:

We Rage, We Weep Alzheimer Foundation

250-920-9573

www.weragewewweep.com/

A Canadian Registered Charity, the Foundation's mission is to ensure no caregiver feels alone, isolated or without adequate financial resources by supplying grant funding to caregivers who experience significant economic hardship in their care giving role. Monetary assistance may be given for any necessary service or supply not currently available through statutory funding that compliments existing community programs. Assistance will always be provided by or through qualified service providers

Search & Rescue Society of British Columbia

250-384-6696

www.sarbc.ca

SARBC is a non-profit, professional, uniformed organization. An Operations Centre is located in Victoria for all land and inland water requests. Assistance offered to SAR Groups, Law Enforcement agencies and Missing Children's Organizations is provided by the Society through the Overhead Management Team, or by the Special Services Unit (SSU) for physical response.

Commissionaires

250-727-7755

www.thecommissionaires.bc.ca

The Victoria Commissionaires are a professional, uniformed organization certified under ISO 9001:2000 and registered through OMI (Management Systems Registrar). They are committed to excellence and professional services that exceed the expectations of clients in the provision of security and other management, technical and administrative services using well trained professionals matched to clients needs.

To Sign Up for Project Lifesaver

To sign up for Project Lifesaver contact We Rage, We Weep Alzheimer Foundation at info@weragewewweep.com or by calling **250-920-9573** to schedule an appointment to fill out the *Project Lifesaver Client Registration Form* and the *Project Lifesaver Client Contract* with a representative of the Foundation. At your appointment you will also be introduced to the Commissionaire who will be conducting a monthly home visit to replace the strap and battery on the Project Lifesaver transmitter. At this time the Commissionaire will fit the client with their first transmitter.

Special note: We Rage, We Weep Alzheimer Foundation covers all fees associated with Project Lifesaver of Greater Victoria.

Easing the financial burden of care giving – one family at a time

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