

Criteria* for Issuance of Silver Alert

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Is the missing person
60 years of age or older?

Is the missing person **believed** to
have **Alzheimer's, dementia, or
other permanent cognitive
impairment** which poses a threat
to their health and safety?

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Is there reasonable belief
that the missing person's
**disappearance is due to
their impaired cognitive
condition?**

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Is the Silver Alert request
within 72 hours of the
individual's disappearance?

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Is there **sufficient
information** available to
disseminate to the public that
could assist in locating the
missing person?



Contact Information

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Wisconsin's

Silver

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Program

*if any of these are not present, a Missing/Endangered alert
may be issued via the WI Crime Alert Network.

If your loved one is missing

Immediately call 911. Your local law enforcement agency will respond to your location and subsequently notify the Department of Justice if the criteria for a Silver Alert is met.

Silver Alert Resources

The following distribution channels are available for Silver Alert Broadcasts.

✓	Wisconsin Crime Alert Subscribers (includes media)
✓	State Lottery Terminals
✓	Department of Transportation Dynamic Messaging Signs
✓	Digital Advertising Billboards

A Message from Attorney General Brad Schimel



The Department of Justice's Silver Alert program ensures that we are taking responsibility for the well-being of some of our most vulnerable citizens – our aging loved ones. This program gives law enforcement, in partnership with the community, the tools they need to help in the most desperate of situations when a loved one becomes lost.

We hope that no family is ever in the situation to need our help.

Unfortunately, we know that many will be.

If your family member is at risk of becoming lost, the best thing to do is be prepared.

- Have a clear photo of your loved one stored in a digital file so it can be transmitted to law enforcement quickly if need be.
- If you are concerned about your loved one's ability to safely operate a vehicle, you can submit a *Driver Condition or Behavior Report* (MV3141) to the WI Department of Transportation at www.dot.state.wi.us. This will begin a process by which the DOT will assess your loved one's driving ability. You can also engage the help of your family member's doctor when filling out this form.
- Know your loved one's vehicle details, license plate and any unique descriptors. Keep a photo of the vehicle and any identifying features of it. Even if they no longer have a license and/or keys are kept out of view, it is best to be prepared if your family member becomes lost while in a vehicle.
- Encourage personalized plates, a unique bumper sticker or window cling on your loved one's vehicle. This will make the vehicle more noticeable.
- Utilize local resources such as the local chapter of the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org, Aging and Disability Resource Center (a bureau of the WI Dept. of Health Services) at www.dhs.wisconsin.gov, or Alzheimer's and Dementia Alliance of Wisconsin at www.alzisc.org for information on wandering triggers and prevention tips.
- Contact your local law enforcement agency to determine whether they endorse and are trained in a tracking device program. Some Wisconsin communities also maintain their own registry of elderly residents who are at risk of becoming lost.
- Sign up at wisconsincrimealert.gov to receive alerts from the Wisconsin Crime Network, which include Silver Alerts and Amber Alerts. You may be the person who finds someone else's lost family member.

Be Prepared