

Eligible Clients

Those who are eligible for the Fastrack Program are:

- Naperville residents of any age
- Individuals diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease, Down Syndrome or Autism or who are at risk of wandering with communication difficulties
- Individuals who have a full-time caregiver

For Further Information...

Visit www.naperville.il.us/fastrack
or contact the
Naperville Police Department's
FASTRACK Coordinator
at 630-548-2967.

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**The Naperville
Police Department's**

FASTRACK PROGRAM



*Electronic Technology
to Locate Missing Persons*

Alzheimer's • Autism • Down Syndrome

The Naperville Police Department has combined "tried and true" radio telemetry technology with specially-trained response team members to build an effective, life-saving program to locate high risk persons who have a history of wandering. The Care Trak International equipment has proven itself nationally to be reliable, responsive, practical and affordable.



Certified Search Specialist with Fastrack tracking equipment.

How Fastrack Works

Residents who are part of the Fastrack Program wear a personalized transmitter on their wrist or ankle that emits a continual silent tracking signal. The hand-held, directional response system is targeted at the specific frequency **assigned to each individual, allowing searchers** the ability to track within a few inches of the lost person, day or night, inside or outside. The radio telemetry technology is preferred over GPS/Cellular units because the signal can be tracked inside most buildings, in heavy foliage or in times of heavily clouded skies — something that is not always the case with these newer GPS/Cellular technologies.

When caregivers notify the Naperville Police Department that a client is missing, a search and rescue team responds and begins tracking the client with a hand-held, directional response system, reducing search times from hours and days to minutes.

The **FASTRACK PROGRAM** is much more than a passive identification bracelet. It is a small, water resistant transmitter that emits a tracking signal every second, 24-hours a day. The signal can be tracked on the ground, by searchers on foot or in vehicles, or from the air over several miles. As each transmitter has a unique radio frequency, the **FASTACK** search team is able to positively locate, identify, and return the person who has wandered away from home or a care facility...usually in 30 minutes or less.



A family member checking their equipment.

Technology ...

is Only Half the Story

Fastrack emphasizes relationships between team members and the people who may wander before the need may arise for a rescue. Team members conduct home visits to register the participants and maintain the equipment.

Fastrack team members are trained, not only in the use of the electronic tracking equipment, but also in ways to communicate with a person who has Alzheimer's, Autism or Down syndrome. Locating the person is only half the mission. The person who is located will be disoriented, anxious and untrusting. The Fastrack team knows how to approach the person, gain their trust and put them at ease for the trip home.