



**Silver Alert** utilizes broadcast media to notify the general public and law enforcement when an adult with cognitive impairment (memory, thinking, and reasoning problems) is missing. The Alert includes a description of the person, anything known about the circumstances of the person's disappearance, and other information that the State Police may think is relevant to locating the individual.

If a loved one with cognitive impairment is missing, call the State Police or local law enforcement to submit a missing person's report and ask them to activate Silver Alert. One of the six troop commanders in the state must approve the request and notify the media.

The State Police also notifies the Department of Transportation, Division of Highways and West Virginia Turnpike Commission. Through the use of electronic signs, motorists are informed that a Silver Alert is active and in progress. These signs also inform motorists on how to report any information they may have to the State Police or other appropriate law enforcement.

If you have a loved one with a cognitive impairment who may wander and become lost, be prepared. It is important to have the following information readily available to assist law enforcement and other responders in locating your loved one, if necessary:

- Current photo of the person
- What the person is wearing
- Birth marks, tattoos, and scars
- Dental records and whether the person wears dentures
- Daily habits, friends, and where the person might try to go
- Copy of the vehicle registration and make and model of the car she/he is driving
- Whether there is a GPS/OnStar tracking device built into the car
- Whether there is a GPS tracking device on the person (bracelet, sewn into the person's clothing, etc.)

For more information about Silver Alert please contact the Bureau of Senior Services at 304-558-3317, or toll-free 877-987-3646.