

## Medical Alert & GPS Technology

**Medical Alert Systems** are designed for home use and consist of a wearable device. Options include a monitoring service, fall detection, GPS, and two-way speaker system.

### Medical Alert Devices

	Monthly Fee	Installation Fee	Activation Fee	Equipment Fee
<b>FastHelp</b> 866-964-3375	NONE No Contract	NONE	NONE	\$149
<b>Per Mar</b> 563-549-6649	\$40-\$60 GPS Available	NONE	\$0-\$30	NONE
<b>Life Station</b> 855-823-2183	\$32.95-\$43.95 No Contract	NONE	\$99.95	NONE
<b>Lifeline</b> 855-681-5351	\$29.95-\$49.95	Self Install: \$0 Tech Install: \$99	\$50-\$99.95	NONE
<b>Lively</b> 800-650-5921	\$24.99-\$34.99	NONE	\$35	\$50
<b>Medical Alert</b> 800-631-5904	\$19.95-\$47.95	\$99.95 for mobile	NONE	NONE
<b>Medical Guardian</b> 800-876-0742	\$29.95-\$39.95	NONE	NONE	NONE
<b>Senior Safety</b> 888-473-2800	\$19-\$34	NONE	NONE	\$0-\$99
<b>VRI Cares</b> 800-860-4230	\$24.95-\$39.95 No Contract Free Lock Box	Self Install: \$0 Tech Install: \$50	NONE	NONE

### GPS Location Tracking

	About	Contact information
<b>Project Lifesaver</b>	Wearable radio technology. Caregivers notify Project Lifesaver agency and trained emergency response team responds. \$300 initial fee. \$10/month fee	Eau Claire County Sheriffs Department Phone: 715-839-4701
<b>Boundary Care</b>	Real-time alerts for safety and wellness	<a href="http://www.boundarycare.com">www.boundarycare.com</a>

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**GPS Trackers** are designed for people who are living with dementia or other similar conditions. These small devices can be placed on key chains, necklaces, or even in shoes. If the wearer wanders or becomes lost the caregiver can locate the wearer or receive an alert if the wearer has gone too far from home.

**Alternatives** that can be used in combination with Medical Alert Systems or on their own.

- Smartphones
- Smart Tags
- Smart Watches
- Alexa or Google Home
- Home Security Systems

**Things to Consider** before purchasing.

- Is there a mobile or a cellular option?
- Are there additional fees, such as activation, cancellation or installation fees?
- Is a contract required such as a month to month or a limited term?
- Does the device have automatic fall detection or GPS tracking?
- Is home wireless or internet service required?
- Will the equipment be owned, leased, or rented, and do you have to return when no longer using?
- What type of battery system does it have and how long does it last?
- Is the wearable device water resistant?

**How to Pay?** Devices are generally not covered by medical insurance or Medicare. Some Long Term Care programs may include a medical alert system in their service plan.

**Where to Purchase** a Medical Alert or a GPS device? Check your local department store such as Wal-Mart or Target. There are many options available online to fit a variety of budgets and needs. For example, type in “GPS trackers for older adults” into Amazon’s search bar to see a wide range of options.