

# Hunterdon County Sheriff's Office

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## Medication Drop Box

The Hunterdon County Sheriff's Office and Prosecutor's Office continue to provide residents with several permanent drop off boxes for unwanted medications. The drop off boxes are located in the Justice Center at 65 Park Avenue and the County Administration building located at 71 Main Street, both in Flemington. Both are available whenever the buildings are open. The importance of safely disposing of unwanted medications cannot be over emphasized.

## Register Ready

\*\*\*\*Available through New Jersey Office  
of Emergency Management\*\*\*\*

We encourage our residents to enroll in the Register Ready Program, available through the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management. This program allows NJ residents with disabilities or access and functional needs and their families, friends and associates an opportunity to provide information to emergency response agencies, so emergency responders can better plan to serve them in a disaster or other emergency.

<https://nj.gov/njoem/plan-prepare/access-functional-needs.shtml>

## Special Needs Registry

The Hunterdon County Special Needs Registry is a way to share helpful information with first responders, in a time of crisis. The registry is voluntary and open to anyone residing, attending school, or working in Hunterdon County. Anyone who may require additional assistance due to special needs during a police, fire, or medical emergency is eligible for the registry. This can include individuals with autism, those who are deaf/hearing impaired or blind, those with intellectual or developmental disabilities, people with mobility issues, or individuals with dementia. In the event someone is unable to submit information on their own, a person who is authorized to act on their behalf may do so. Proof of representation (i.e. POA, guardianship) must be submitted at the time of registration. The registry application will be entered into a secure database at Hunterdon County Communications, our countywide emergency dispatch center. If there is a call for service at the registrant's address, dispatchers will be able to alert emergency responders that there may be a unique situation in your home involving a person with special needs.

# Autism Awareness Wallet Card

## **Who should carry this card?**

This autism awareness wallet card is designed to help first responders when interacting with your loved one. The Hunterdon County Sheriff's Office currently offers autism and dementia awareness wallet cards.

## **What information should I include on my loved one's card?**

We would like to know your loved one's name and/or nickname. Please also include helpful tips about interacting with your loved one, emergency contact information, and any pertinent medical diagnoses.

## **Is this information kept in a database, or placed on file with the Hunterdon County Sheriff's Office?**

No, we do not maintain files of autism or dementia awareness wallet card information. If you would like to notify first responders in Hunterdon County of any special needs your loved one may have, please fill out an application for our Special Needs Registry.

## **Dementia/Autism Awareness Wallet Cards**

The Hunterdon County Sheriff's Office is proud to provide autism and dementia wallet cards to members of our community. These cards will help individuals explain their medical conditions to emergency responders and law enforcement. The cards can also help facilitate effective communication between law enforcement and our community members, and improve our interactions. Several versions of the cards are available, all free of charge. The cards provide information about a person's medical condition, and some helpful tips about successful interaction with that individual. For example, an autism card will advise that a person may need extra time to answer questions, and that physical touch may cause pain or distress. The cards can include an individual's name and photograph, and information for an emergency contact.

### **Child I.D. Program**

Our Office will create custom Child Identification cards upon request. The card is intended to be used in emergency situations, to provide emergency responders with a current photo and description of your child. These cards are available free of charge. To have a card made, meet with our officers and staff at a local community event, or contact our office to make an appointment.

### **Project Lifesaver**

This program is ideal for anyone that might wander and not be able to make their way home. The program uses radio frequency transmitters and receivers. Each client is assigned a unique radio frequency transmitter, which is placed in a small plastic oval on a wristband. It is not a GPS program that tracks an individual's movements- it is not a tracking device. The transmitter bracelet is emitting a beep, audible only to our receivers, that enables us to locate the transmitter. If a client were to go missing, our trained officers would utilize the radio frequency receivers to locate the client. Project Lifesaver is offered to our community members at no cost. This program is available throughout the country. In NJ, every county sheriff's office participates in Project Lifesaver. Going on vacation? Not a problem. Our officers will forward your loved one's information to a local participating agency.