



Are you or someone you know experiencing memory loss?

Are they living alone or without adequate supports in Deerfield, Cottage Grove, or Pleasant Springs?

Do they lack a support system?

Could they benefit from additional medical and community support?

The EMS Visitor Program can help.

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A free service for people with memory loss who live alone in Deerfield, Cottage Grove, and Pleasant Springs, WI



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The Challenge

Most people prefer to live at home as they age. However, for individuals with memory loss, the lack of a primary caregiver or supportive resources puts them at high risk for avoidable hospitalizations, admission to a long term care facility, or other crisis. Emergency medical services (EMS) personnel are valued community members. They are in a unique position to help reduce these risks.

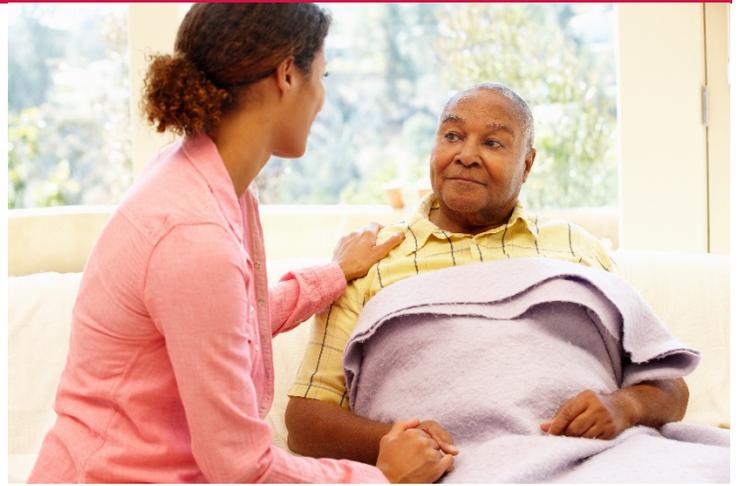
The Solution

EMS personnel provide friendly visits to the person in their home, establish trust, help them understand, accept and connect to medical and community resources in their area.

What the EMS Visitor Program hopes to achieve:

1. Help the person with memory loss live longer in their home
2. Reduce hospitalizations and emergency room visits

The **EMS Visitor Program** is a collaborative effort between Deer-Grove EMS and the Wisconsin Alzheimer's Institute at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health and the federally-funded Dementia Capable Wisconsin Grant. Funding support for this program is provided by the Administration for Community Living, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.



Every 66 seconds someone in the United States develops Alzheimer's disease. Today, there are an estimated 115,000 Wisconsin residents living with Alzheimer's disease and 23% live alone.

How it Works

You recognize that you or someone else has memory loss, lives alone and could use some additional support. You contact Eric Lang, Deer-Grove EMS, at 608-839-5658 or elang@deergroveems.com to make the referral. Emergency medical personnel meet with the person with memory loss in their home, have regularly scheduled friendly visits and help transition the person to services in their community.

Who is Eligible for this Service?

Persons with memory loss who are living alone in Deerfield, Cottage Grove, and Pleasant Springs, Wisconsin who could use supportive services.

Please note that medical care is not provided during the visits.

There is no charge for this service.

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