

Carrier Alert



*Your letter carrier
wants to help you ...*

A community service of
Gundersen Lutheran
and Great Rivers 2-1-1



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Is there an older adult
or person with a
disability in your family
or neighborhood?

Be a friend. Help them
register for **Carrier Alert**.

Carrier Alert is an all-volunteer program endorsed by the U.S. Postal Service and the National Association of Letter Carriers. The program is coordinated locally by Great Rivers 2-1-1 as a service of Gundersen Lutheran and is made possible through a cooperative effort of participating post offices and local letter carriers.

In case of emergency, contact the following person(s):

1. Name _____ Relationship to you _____
Home telephone number _____ Work telephone number _____
Check here if person has a key to your home _____
2. Name _____ Relationship to you _____
Home telephone number _____ Work telephone number _____
Check here if person has a key to your home _____

Mail completed registration form in a stamped envelope to: **Carrier Alert**, c/o Great Rivers 2-1-1, P.O. Box 426, Onalaska, WI 54650-0426. Thank you.

Carrier Alert Registration Form

Please print all information requested on **both sides** of this form.

Name _____
Address _____ City, State, Zip Code _____
Date of Birth ____-____-____ Home telephone number _____
Do you have a disability or handicap? Yes ___ No ___ Do you live alone? Yes ___ No ___
Any special health problems? (Please specify) _____
If so, do you use a walker, cane, or wheelchair? Please circle all that apply.
Are there any pets in the home? Yes ___ No ___ (Please list) _____
Your doctor's name _____ Name of clinic/hospital _____

A service for older adults and people with disabilities

If living alone worries you, **Carrier Alert** can offer you the comfort of knowing that someone who visits your home regularly will call for help if you need it. This **free** service has been developed especially for older adults and people with disabilities—those who may have difficulty reaching vital services in the case of an accident or sudden illness.

How Carrier Alert Works

If you are registered with Carrier Alert, your letter carrier will provide a special service for you. A Carrier Alert decal will be placed on the inside of your mailbox. If your carrier notices an accumulation of mail or any other signs that might suggest you're in distress, it will be reported to Great Rivers 2-1-1, a 24-hour telephone helping service.

This agency will immediately try to contact you by phone. If you cannot be reached, they will call the individuals you list as emergency contacts. If these people cannot be reached, the police will be notified and asked to check on your health and well-being.

How to Register for Carrier Alert

Ask friends, neighbors or relatives if they will be your emergency contacts and be able to stop by your home, if necessary, to check on you. You may want them to have a key to your home.

Complete the attached registration form and mail it to the address on the form.

Your Responsibilities

Check your mailbox and remove your mail daily to avoid alarming your letter carrier unnecessarily.

Have someone pick up your mail if you know you will be away for more than one day. Or notify your letter carrier by placing a note in your mailbox. Then as a reminder to the carrier, cover the Carrier Alert decal with paper.

Notify Great Rivers 2-1-1 at 2-1-1 or (800) 362-8255 if you change contact people or doctors.

Contact Great Rivers 2-1-1 if you move or choose to discontinue the Carrier Alert program.

If you have questions about Carrier Alert, please call:



Dial 2-1-1 or (800) 362-8255
(866) 884-3620 TTY