

The Houston Regional Silver Alert System is a cooperative public service effort between local law enforcement, media outlets, Silver Alert Partners, and the public to safely recover senior citizens suffering from Alzheimer's or dementia.

WHEN IS THE SILVER ALERT ACTIVATED?

The following five criteria must be met to activate the Houston Regional Silver Alert (HRSA) System:

- (1) The missing person must be 65 years of age or older or been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease.
- (2) The senior must have a diagnosed impaired mental condition and their disappearance must pose a credible threat to their health and safety. Documentation from a medical or mental health professional of the senior's condition must be provided.
- (3) The law enforcement agency has conducted an investigation that has verified that the disappearance is due to the senior's impaired mental condition and ruled out alternative explanations.
- (4) The Silver Alert request must be made within 72 hours of the senior's disappearance.
- (5) Sufficient information is available to distribute to the public that could assist in locating the missing senior or their vehicle.

WHO ACTIVATES A SILVER ALERT?

The local law enforcement agency where the incident occurs must decide if the case fits Silver Alert criteria and request activation from Texas Center for the Missing (TCM) in Greater Houston or Texas DPS outside of TCM's region.

HOW IS A SILVER ALERT ACTIVATED?

The Houston Regional Emergency Alert Coordinator accesses a secure website and the Alert is distributed to all regional law enforcement agencies, media outlets, and Silver Alert corporate partners. Silver Alert Partners notify employees traveling in the area to look for the endangered adult or their vehicle. The senior's photo and Silver Alert message are also sent to subscribers and posted across TCM's social media platforms. When the senior is located, the Silver Alert is cancelled.

We bring hope and healing to the missing and their families through crisis intervention, prevention, and community education.



DOES THE SILVER ALERT WORK?

Across the country, the Silver Alert is credited with the successful recovery of hundreds of seniors.

WHO PARTICIPATES IN THE SYSTEM?

Law enforcement agencies in Houston's 14-county region, media outlets, and Silver Alert Partners – and you! To receive Houston's Silver Alerts, sign-up today on our website at centerforthemissing.org.

WHO ARE SILVER ALERT PARTNERS?

Houston-area businesses, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations that actively participate in the Silver Alert System. There is no cost to become a partner, but interested parties must register with the HRSA System. Companies and agencies with a large number of drivers and vehicles are especially encouraged to participate as Silver Alert Partners.

WHO OVERSEES THE HOUSTON REGIONAL SILVER ALERT SYSTEM?

Texas Center for the Missing administers the Houston Regional Silver Alert System. Houston's Silver Alert follows FCC rules for activating the Emergency Alert System.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I BELIEVE A WANDERING SENIOR IS IN DANGER OR MISSING?

Call 9-1-1 immediately. Request your local police department send an officer to assist and provide as much information as you can about the senior, their vehicle, their location, and any unusual behavior that indicates the senior is battling dementia.

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