

# *Resource and Referral Assistance Fact Sheet*

## *Wood County Resources for Individuals with DisAbilities*

### *Personal Safety* *Volatile Behaviors*

**Emergencies - dial 911**  
**Non – emergencies Call Crisis Intervention**  
Wisconsin Rapids (715) 421-2345  
Marshfield (715) 384-5555

### *Project Lifesaver*

Tracking program for those at risk of wandering away from home.

Wood County Aging and Disability  
Resource Center: 888-486-9545  
(715) 421-0014 or (715) 384-8479

### *Cribs for Kids* *Safe Sleep Program*

Provides low cost cribs for income eligible families. Call for appointment:  
Wood County Health Department  
(715) 421-8911 or (715) 387-8646



### *Dog Tags*

**"RED" dog tag - Medic Alert** - Contact your local pharmacy or jeweler.

\* Just type in Medic Alert into search engine - for many options!

Wear as a necklace, anklet, on a shoe string, zipper, etc.

## *Home Safety Resources*

### *Car Seat Safety Programs*

Premie Car Beds for infants less than 5 pounds:  
St. Joseph's Hospital Birth Center (715) 387-7071 Riverview  
Hospital Family Birth Place (715) 421-7560

Infant, Toddler and Booster Seats are provided at low cost to income eligible families in need of safe seats for their children.

Call for an appointment.  
Wood County Health Department  
(715) 421-8911 or (715) 387-8646

Specially designed CYSHCN seat vests can be ordered through the Wood County Health Department. Child safety seat technicians will help parents properly install and fit the vests.

Infant, Toddler, and Booster Car Seat Safety Checks:  
Wood County Health Department  
Saint Joseph's Children's Hospital  
(715) 387-7083

Wisconsin Rapids Police Department  
(715) 423-4444

### *Drug Disposal Programs*

Prescription Drug drop-off site for expired medications.  
Wisconsin Rapids Police Department Lobby  
Marshfield Police Department Lobby

Sharps Disposal Sites offer free disposal of used sharps:  
Riverview Hospital main entrance  
St. Joseph's Hospital emergency entrance

### *Safety-Tat*

Personalized removable tattoos. Use for identifying info or for contact info.

<http://www.safetytat.com/>

*Please refer to the backside for further clarification of agencies and their programs*  
*For questions call The Children Disability Resource Center at 715-650-0820*

### *Wood County Health Department* *Home Safety Information*

Safety assessments include all rooms of the home.  
Childhood lead poisoning test site for the uninsured.

Radon detection kits  
Private well water testing kits  
(715) 421-8911 or (715) 387-8646

### *Lifeline/Link-up Services*

Lifeline keeps phone services affordable by reducing monthly phone charges for income eligible households.

Link-up helps households without telephone service get onto the telephone network.

Call your local telephone company to apply  
(715) 421-8111 or 800-421-9282

### *Safety Information*

First Aide and CPR Classes  
American Red Cross (800-733-2767 or [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org))  
Gun Lock Information  
[www.projectchildsafe.org](http://www.projectchildsafe.org)

Poison Control Center 800-222-1222  
Remember: Smoke detectors on each level of the home!

Safe Kids Wisconsin:  
<http://www.safekidswi.org/>

## *Children's Disability and Resource Centers; Services are Free and Confidential*

**Children's Disability and Resource Center** 715-650-0820 or [CDRC@co.wood.wi.us](mailto:CDRC@co.wood.wi.us) ;specializing in resource referral assistance for children's special needs from birth through age 22.

**Northern CYSHCN Regional Center** 866-640-4106. The Regional Center connects you to community resources.

### **Home Safety Assessments**

The Wood County Health Department offers free in-home safety assessments by a health educator. Assessments include all areas of home safety in each room and area of the home. Recommendations are made for ways to remedy problem areas.

### **Poison Control Center**

Over one half of all reported poisonings occur in children 5 years of age or younger. Become proactive in your home to prevent poison exposures. They can provide a checklist of common household poisons. Keep this toll-free help line on your phone. 1-800-222-1222 [www.wisconsinpoison.org](http://www.wisconsinpoison.org)

### **Car Seat Safety Check**

Free car seat safety inspections by a certified child passenger safety technician. The car seat is checked for proper installation, proper size for the child and possible product recall. Service is provided to parents prior to birth through age 8.

### **Lead Poisoning Prevention**

Lead poisoning can cause brain damage. Most at risk are 1-3 years olds:

- \* living in low-income households
- \* living in a home built prior to 1950
- \* living in a home built prior to 1978 and undergoing renovations
- \* child with a lead poisoned sibling or playmate

A simple blood test is available to detect blood lead poisoning. Uninsured children under the age of 6, at risk for lead poisoning, can have their blood lead tested at the Wood County Health Department. For more lead information:

[www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead)

### **Project Lifesaver**

Provides rapid response to save lives and reduce potential for serious injury for adults and children who wander due to Alzheimer's, Autism, Down Syndrome, dementia and other related disorders. Project Lifesaver provides equipment, training, certification and support to law enforcement, public safety organizations and community groups which operate the Project Lifesaver program in their communities.

Wood County's "Project Lifesaver" is for the most vulnerable individuals. Children and adults, with a cognitive impairment or medical condition that may put them at risk of wandering away from home, and becoming lost.

People who are part of the program wear a personalized wristband that emits a tracking signal. When caregivers notify the police department that the person is missing, the rescue team responds to the wanderer's area and starts searching with the mobile locator tracking system.

### **Sharps Disposal Sites**

Sharps sealed into a heavy duty plastic container (such as an empty laundry bottle) may be disposed of free of charge. Lids should be securely fastened and taped shut. Disposal receptacles are located at the entrance doors:

St Joseph's Hospital Emergency  
Riverview Hospital main door

### **Ground Water Testing**

Homes using private wells/ground water should test their ground water for coliform bacteria and nitrate contamination annually to detect problems early. Water testing is recommended more frequently for other contaminants such as radon or pesticides if you suspect a problem. The Wood County Health Department has low-cost water testing bottles and provides instructions on collecting the sample and labs accepting home water samples for testing.

More information on ground water:  
[www.epa.gov/OGWDW](http://www.epa.gov/OGWDW)

### **Cribs for Kids, Safe Sleep Program.**

Provides Pack N Play cribs at low cost to income eligible families in need of a safe sleep environment for their baby. Instruction on safe sleep practices and instruction on a proper sleep environment.

### **Prescription Drug Disposal**

Expired or unused prescription drugs may be disposed of in the lobby during normal business hours.

WR Police Department 444 W Grand Ave (715) 423-4444  
MFLD Police Department 110 W. 1st Street (715) 384-0800

### **Radon Testing**

Radon comes from the natural breakdown of radioactive uranium in soil, rock and water. The colorless, odorless gas can be found in any building but the greatest exposure risk is from the home. Testing is inexpensive and takes very little time. Test kits are available for a nominal charge at the Wood County Health Department.

More information on Radon:  
[www.epa.gov/radon](http://www.epa.gov/radon)