



## **Deep River Vulnerable Person Registry**

The purpose of this registry is to improve the potential for success in locating a vulnerable person should they go missing. Our Police Service does this by gathering information that will help coordinate search efforts and reduce search times. Parents, caregivers, or vulnerable persons themselves living within the Municipality of Deep River can submit this information.

### **Definition of a Vulnerable Person (VP)**

A person who has a cognitive, physical, intellectual/developmental disability or other condition which may place the person at an increased risk of misadventure leading to injury or death and who may require assistance from emergency services.

### **Who can register?**

**Any family member/friend/vulnerable person who may suffer from these or other vulnerable conditions:**

Alzheimer's Disease

Dementia

Autism

An acquired brain Injury

Mental Health conditions

Increasing age

Social isolation

A tendency to wander

The inability to communicate

Fascinations or attractions (water, construction sites etc.)

Unusual social responses (fear of strangers, aggression)

### **Why Register?**

Experience has taught us that people often delay in calling the Police to report a missing person. There are common misconceptions that you have to wait a period of time to report a missing person, this is not true. It is time consuming to obtain information and photos about the missing person and this can cause a delay in starting the search. A person can walk 6 km an hour and any delay will greatly increase the search area. By having information and a photo on file Police can more efficiently coordinate search efforts and commence searching.