



Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS) / "Lifeline" of Brown County

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Name & Contact Information	Package Types	Device Options	Cost & Payment Types
Alexa Emergency Assist https://www.amazon.com/alexaemergencyassist	Type: - Hands free	Type: - Any Echo Dot	- No contract, cancel anytime - Month-to-month or annual subscription available
Comfort Keepers (SafetyChoice) 920-204-6068 516 Redbird Cir; De Pere greenbay-183.comfortkeepers.com	Types: - Landline System - Cellular System - Mobile PERS with GPS Add-ons Available: - Fall Sensor: Yes - GPS: Yes	Types: - Lanyard - Bracelet - Belt clip Details: - Water resistant devices available	Contact agency for more information Payment options: - Private pay
Helping Hands Caregivers 920-217-2961 (ext. 156) 509 W. Walnut St, Green Bay helpinghandswi.com/medical-alert-devices/	Types: - Depends on need of customer - Automated Medication Dispensing Service (Automated reminders to take medication at programmed time. Repeats for 5 minutes until a button is pushed. Does not dispense medication into a cup.) Add-ons Available: - Fall Sensor: Yes (certain units) - GPS: Yes (certain units)	Types: - Lanyard - Watch band Details: - Water resistant devices available - Spanish & Hmong	Starting at \$29.95/month. Your total cost will depend on any additional services you might require. Payment options: - Private pay
Lively (formerly GreatCall Splash) 800-733-6632 lively.com (Available for order online & pick-up at local Best Buy & Walgreens)	Types: - Lively Mobile+ - Lively on Apple Watch - Lively on Alexa devices Add-ons Available: - Fall Sensor: Yes on Mobile+ - GPS: Yes	Types: - Lanyard - Clip Carry case Details: - Water resistant devices available - 140 languages available	Lively Mobile+ - \$49.99 for device - Basic Package - \$24.99/month - Premium Package - \$34.99/month - Add Fall Detection - \$9.99/month Lively on Apple Watch - \$34.99/month Lively on Alexa - \$24.99/month Payment options: - Private pay



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Martin Systems (Sololife) 920-432-2169 2744 Manitowoc Rd, Green Bay martinsystems.com	Types: - Landline System - Cellular System Add-ons Available: - Fall Sensor: Yes (certain units) - GPS: Yes (certain units)	Types: - Lanyard - Bracelet/watch - Belt clip Details: - Water resistant devices available	Contact agency for more information Payment options: - Private pay
Suburban Technology 920-739-5156 700 N Lynndale Dr, Appleton suburbanenterprises.com/service/personal-emergency-response-systems-pers	Types: - Cellular System with GPS - On The Go Add-ons Available: - Fall Sensor: Yes (certain units) - GPS: Yes	Types: - Lanyard - Watch band Details: - Water resistant devices available - No landline required - 140 languages available	- No contract, cancel anytime - Month-to-month or annual subscription Payment options: - Private pay



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Getting Help: How PERS Work

- 1) A base unit is installed in your home, either through your landline or cell phone. Some systems operate using GPS, and therefore, do not need phone lines.
 - 2) On a day-to-day basis, you wear a button on a lanyard or watch/bracelet (the button is a small radio transmitter).
 - 3) When you need help, simply press the button. This sends a signal to your base unit, calling the emergency response center operated by the PERS company. You will speak directly with an emergency response center employee, who will ask about your emergency. If you need further help, the employee will call your pre-determined emergency contact(s) and/or 9-1-1 services.
 - 4) If you purchase a system with fall sensor detection, the system will automatically detect "hard" falls. When detected, the system works the same way as if you had pushed the button. (A signal is sent to your base unit, calling the emergency response center.)
- Note: Not all falls are guaranteed to be detected through these systems. Talk with the agency about your specific fall situation before purchasing.*

Questions to Ask

1. Is the emergency response (monitoring) center open 24/7? What kind of training does staff receive?
2. What is the average response time? Who is alerted?
3. Will you be able to use the same system with other response centers if you move? What if you move to another city/state?
4. What is the repair policy? What happens if you need a replacement?

Payment & Contracts

Medicare, Medicaid, and most insurance companies typically do not pay for PERS. Most units are rented, with the emergency assistance service included in the cost. Make sure to read the contract carefully before signing, noting any extra charges, such as cancellation fees & notification requirements. Ask about the cost per month should you need to go to a rehabilitation unit for a fall or other health condition while in contract with a PERS company.

Find More Information:

- **Federal Trade Commission (FTC)**

Website: ftc.gov Phone: 877-382-4357

- **Better Business Bureau**

Website: bbb.org Phone: (800-273-1002) or (414-847-6000)

- **Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection**

Website: datcp.wi.gov Phone: 800-422-7128

Contact ADRC for help with PERS and other questions (920-448-4300).