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### REGISTRY UPDATES AND CANCELLATION

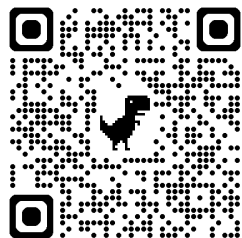
Once information is entered into the registry, it is kept indefinitely. If an individual wishes to be removed from the database, it is their responsibility (or that of their caretaker/guardian) to update the registry. This can be accomplished by completing an updated web form or simply contacting the Crime Prevention Unit at (352) 374-1800.

A minor who was enrolled in the registry by another person must be notified in writing of the enrollment within five (5) business days of the time he or she reaches 18 years of age.

A competent adult (18 years or older) may choose to have their name removed from the registry. This can be accomplished by completing an updated web form or contacting the Crime Prevention Unit.

Once a request for disenrollment has been received, the name and information will be removed from the database within five (5) business days.

### QR CODE FOR REGISTRATION



## CONTACT Us:

**9-1-1 FOR EMERGENCIES**

352-955-1818 FOR NON-EMERGENCIES

### *ACSO Important Phone Numbers*

ACSO Main Administration	352.367.4000
<b>Crime Prevention Unit</b>	<b>352.374.1800</b>
Crime Stoppers & Gun Bounty	352.372.7867
Dept. of the Jail	352.491.4444
Evidence Section	352.367-4076
Human Resources	352.367.4040
Narcotics Tip Line	352.374.1849
Patrol	352.367.4101
Public Information	352.367.4050
Property Unit	352.367.4078
Records Bureau	352.367.4006
Victim Advocate Unit	352.367.4193



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PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES REGISTRY

## PROTECT OUR LOVED ONES ACT

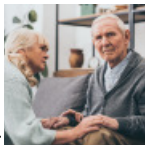
Florida lawmakers approved the “Protect Our Loved Ones Act” (HB 1275) during the 2023 legislative session. This new law, which became effective January 1, 2024, authorizes local law enforcement agencies to create and maintain a “Persons with Disabilities Registry” for adults and children with certain developmental, psychological, or other disabilities. The benefit of the registry is assist law enforcement personnel in the performance of their official duties by giving them advance notice before interacting with individuals who may be cognitively impaired or mentally ill.



## WHAT DISABILITIES QUALIFY?

In order to be eligible for the registry, individuals must be a current resident of Alachua County and have a verifiable disability or health condition, which includes, but is not limited to:

- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Alzheimer’s Disease
- Dementia-related Disorder
- Bipolar Disorder
- Down Syndrome
- Schizophrenia



## ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF VERIFICATION

The ACSO will accept the following as proof of eligibility:

- Certification of the disability from a physician, physician’s assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse (APRN).
- Certification of the disability from a psychologist, mental health counselor, or psychiatrist.
- Documentation of legal authority for a parent or legal guardian to enroll a child or ward - such as a birth certificate, power of attorney, court order, or letter of guardianship.

## WHO CAN REGISTER?

- Adults may enroll themselves.
- Persons declared incapacitated under Chapter 744 of the Florida State Statutes may be enrolled by a parent or legal guardian.
- Minors may be enrolled by a parent or legal guardian.

## REGISTRATION PROCESS

Adults who wish to register themselves, or caretakers/guardians wishing to register on behalf of someone else, should go to ACSO’s website at [www.acso.us/personswithdisabilitiesregistry](http://www.acso.us/personswithdisabilitiesregistry) to complete the online registration process. If you choose, you can scan the QR code located on the back of this brochure with a smartphone and it will take you to the registration page on ACSO’s website.

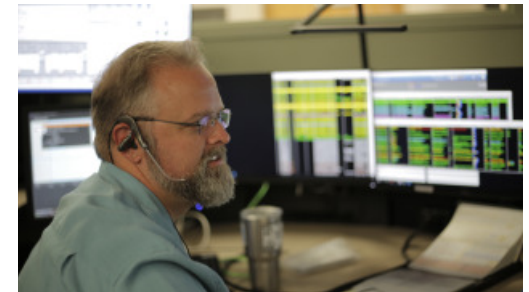
The completed form will be sent to the Crime Prevention Unit for review and

verification of eligibility, and if necessary, follow up assistance in the registration process.

Once the application has been approved, the information is entered into ACSO’s reporting system.

## WHO CAN ACCESS THE REGISTRY?

Dispatchers in the ACSO Combined Communications Center and deputy sheriffs in the field will have access to the information via the reporting module.



The information is kept confidential and is exempt from public records law. ACSO employees are responsible for ensuring that any information contained in the database is kept confidential and only released to those legally authorized to receive it.

Information made confidential and exempt may be disclosed only upon a court order, or in furtherance of the official duties and responsibilities of the agency holding the data, to:

- Another local law enforcement agency.
- A county emergency management agency.
- A local fire department.
- Another local, state, or federal agency.