

OUR CARE SYSTEM (VRI)

The Martin County Department of Aging now has a program that provides units to help older adults in need with just the push of a button. Now you or your loved ones don't have to fear being alone. The units are installed in the home, connected to the phone jack. They are placed in a central location in your home, if available, so that the responders can hear you if you should call for help.

The buttons are worn around the neck or around the wrist and they are waterproof. You never have to take them off.

The units have a range of 600 feet, which means you can feel safe going to the mailbox or around in your yard. If you should fall or have any troubles, you can push the button. When the responders do not get a response from you, they will automatically send for help. You can also use it if you feel uncomfortable for any reason. For example, if you hear a noise outside and you're not sure what it is, they encourage you to push the button and they'll come on the line and talk to you until you feel comfortable.

They also have a back-up battery that will last up to 80 hours, in case of a power outage.

The units are available for a \$10 installation fee and a \$20 a month charge.

If you are interested or have any questions, please call the Martin County Department of Aging at 792-1027.