

Providing emergent information for families & first responders in Vilas County for those impacted by dementia. Call (715) 479-3625 for more information.

The Vilas County Purple Tube Project's goal is to assist families and first responders by providing information, which may be helpful in the event of a medical or behavioral emergency. Our desire is that those impacted by dementia be able to stabilize at home whenever possible. When this is not possible, we want to make sure first responders and family members have needed information available quickly.

This project is a collaboration between law enforcement, EMS and our countywide Dementia Friendly Community Network. As the number of people with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia grows, so does the need for positive emergency interventions. The Vilas County Purple Tube Project assists families coping with dementia to develop a crisis/safety plan, which includes information such as emergency contacts, a brief medical history, their power of attorney for healthcare, and ways to best interact with the person with dementia.

The Purple Tubes are available to Vilas County residents at no charge. Appointments will be scheduled with anyone interested to assist in filling out forms, explain where to store the purple tubes and answer any questions.

We are excited to offer this service and look forward to making Vilas County more dementia friendly. We have had an excellent response from Emergency Medical Services and Law Enforcement across the county.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment to get a purple tube, please call an ADRC specialist at the ADRC of Vilas County at (715) 479-3625.