

*** **ATTENTION: AGENCY TAC/POC** ***

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NC Silver Alerts

The NC Silver Alert was replaced with the Missing Endangered Alert in 2023. As of July 2025, the Silver Alert can again be activated, if the missing person meets the established criteria. The issuance of the Silver Alert will follow the same process as before, but the age requirement of those who qualify has changed from 50 to 65.

Pertinent Info:

Silver Alert will provide a statewide system for the rapid dissemination of information regarding a missing person who is believed to be suffering from cognitive impairment. The North Carolina General Assembly formally established the program in 2007 by it is operated through the N.C. Center for Missing Persons. The following criteria must be met before the N.C. Center for Missing Persons will activate a Silver Alert:

- Diagnosed with, or suspected of, Alzheimer's, Dementia, or other cognitive impairment that causes an irreversible deterioration of intellectual faculties that makes them unable to meet their own needs or to seek help without assistance.
- Adult 65 years of age or older.
- Reported Missing to law Enforcement within 72 hours.
- In danger of abuse, physical harm, neglect or exploitation.

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Please do not rely solely on this document as an all-inclusive resource.

If you are uncertain about any issue, please seek out guidance from your agency legal counsel or contact the SBI for direction to an appropriate guiding authority.

Requesting an Alert:

- Enter Missing Person into NCIC.
 - Complete the online request form at the [NC Center for Missing Persons - NC Center for Missing Persons](#) website. They notify the media and activate the NCDOT signs (if appropriate).
 - Submit the Silver Alert Notification (NSA) in DCIN to notify NC law enforcement agencies.
 - If the missing adult may have traveled out of state, use the Administrative Message (AM) to notify appropriate agencies.
 - Once the missing adult has been located, use the CANCEL Silver Alert Notification (XNSA) in DCIN.
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In Review:

- Effective July 2025, Silver Alerts can again be activated if the missing adult meets the established criteria.
 - Silver Alerts changed the age requirement, must be a missing adult, aged 65 or older, who is suffering from a cognitive impairment.
 - [Silver Alert brochure](#)
 - The NC Missing Endangered Alert can still be activated, if criteria are met for missing persons aged 0-64 with a cognitive impairment.
 - For questions, contact the NC Center for Missing Persons at <https://nccmp.ncdps.gov> or (800)522-5437.
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