



## **RESOURCES**

### **GENERAL RESOURCES**

National Autism Association: [nationalautism.org](http://nationalautism.org)

AWAARE Collaboration: [awaare.org](http://awaare.org)

NAA Autism Safety: [autismsafety.org](http://autismsafety.org)

Autism Speaks Safety Project: [autismsafetyproject.org](http://autismsafetyproject.org)

### **SWIMMING LESSONS**

YMCA Listing [nationalautism.org](http://nationalautism.org)

Super Swimmers [superswimmersfoundation.org](http://superswimmersfoundation.org)

### **CHILD SAFETY PRODUCTS**

NAA's Big Red Safety Shop: [nationalautism.org](http://nationalautism.org)

### **TRACKING SYSTEMS & ID PRODUCTS**

Project Lifesaver [projectlifesaver.org](http://projectlifesaver.org)

LoJack SafetyNet [lojacksafetynet.com](http://lojacksafetynet.com)

Caretrak Systems: [caretrak.com](http://caretrak.com)

Alzheimer's Comfort Zone: [alz.org](http://alz.org)

Medic Alert [medicalert.org](http://medicalert.org)

Road ID [roadid.com](http://roadid.com)

### **SERVICE DOGS**

Blessings Unleashed [blessingsunleashed.org](http://blessingsunleashed.org)

4 Paws for Ability [4pawsforability.org](http://4pawsforability.org)

### **FOR FIRST RESPONDERS & CAREGIVERS**

Reverse 911 [achildsmissing.org](http://achildsmissing.org)

National Center For Missing And Exploited Children [missingkids.com](http://missingkids.com) 1-800-THE-LOST

Autism Risk Management [autismriskmanagement.com](http://autismriskmanagement.com)

The Law Enforcement Awareness Network [leanonus.org](http://leanonus.org)

Autism Alliance for Local Emergency Responder Training [autismalert.org](http://autismalert.org)

Take Me Home [autism-society.org](http://autism-society.org)



## **A MULTI-LAYERED APPROACH IS BEST**

A multi-layered approach to prevent, and respond to, wandering emergencies is necessary to achieve optimal safety for your child. This includes making every attempt to educate your child on self-help skills including swimming, making every attempt to educate them about safety and potential dangers by using social stories, language, prompts, or any communication mechanism best suited for their individual needs. It's important that caregivers work to understand what is causing, or contributing to, the wandering or bolting behaviors so that any triggers may be addressed or eliminated.

The most important thing is that the at-risk child or adult is learning to keep themselves safe, while proper safeguards and adult supervision are also in place to help ensure their safety.

No matter what prevention strategies are put into place, parents should never allow themselves to feel a false sense of security. Although certain safety-product retailers may market their items with words like “relaxation” and “peace of mind,” please know that these benefits are secondary to the overall goal of safety. For more, please visit [awaare.org](http://awaare.org).