Help keep your loved one with autism safe by considering the following:

### Safety in the Home

- Utilize visual aids in the home to set up boundaries for your child *(suggested placement: doors, windows, kitchen appliances, etc.)*  
  See “Safety Visual Aids”!
- Secure your home and yard *(look into installing exit alarms)*
- Monitor any changes in home security or routines

### Safety in the Community

- Alert your trusted neighbors by informing them of your child with autism’s habits, triggers, and potential to wander  
  See “Neighbor Alert form”!
- Provide a safety plan to your child’s school, camps and other community programs and alert them of wandering tendencies  
  See “School Administrator form”!  
  See Autism Speaks School Safety Tips!
- Introduce your child to law enforcement, fire, and EMS personnel in your community and provide more information on autism and wandering  
  See First Responder Reminder Cards!
- Alert first responders with a written document describing your child’s wandering tendencies  
  See Elopement Alert Profile forms (AWAARE)!
- Consider safety products like wearable forms of ID with identifying information and alert of autism diagnosis
- Display autism alert window decal to alert first responders your child has autism and may not respond to verbal commands
- Consider a locating device or enrolling in emergency locating services like Project Lifesaver

### Teaching Safety

- Work on a safety plan with your child to teach them how to keep themselves out of harm’s way  
  See Family Wandering Emergency Plan (AWAARE)!
- Respond to safety visual aids/prompts
- See social story and visual aids!
- Keep identification on your child *(wearable ID or information cards)*
- Create a safety plan and goals with your child’s behavioral team  
  See Wandering Behavior Functions chart!
- Enroll your child in swimming and water safety lessons  
  See Swim and Water Safety info!
- Monitor and document your child’s progress and any challenges or changes observed  
  See Autism Speaks Safety History log

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