

# Wandering Safety Checklist

- I have secured my home.**
  - Locks are installed, secured and out of child's reach.
  - Door & window alarms installed and working.
  - STOP adhesives placed on all possible exits.
  - Fenced yard with locked or no gate.
  
- I have taught or am teaching my child about the dangers of wandering.**
  - Reasons my child wanders are identified.
  - Functional language is used (if possible) to teach the child about various dangers.
  - Other communication is used (if needed) so that they more willingly listen and respond to what they are learning.
  
- I have alerted trusted neighbors.**
  - Trusted neighbors have been identified.
  - Neighbors have received information about my child.
  
- I have registered with local first responders.**
  - The information card provided on the box of this kit has been submitted.
  
- I have addressed wandering at school and social activity settings.**
  - My child's teacher has received a letter about his/her wandering.
  - The school has been notified of all barrier issues in or around the building.
  
- I have looked into tags and tracking devices to more easily find my child.**
  - My child wears ID that includes my contact information.
  - Tracking devices or personal locators may be purchased to ensure locating your child.
  
- I have enrolled my child in swimming lessons.**
  - Visit [nationalautismassociation.org](http://nationalautismassociation.org), under Autism & Safety you will find local YMCA's that have special needs swimming instructions.
  - I understand that lessons do not ensure my child is always safe around water.
  
- I have properly planned to ensure my child's safety.**
  - Both the Wandering Emergency Plan and Alert for Missing Child with a Disability have been completed.
  - I have read the Family Emergency Planning Booklet, completing the suggested tasks.
  
- I continue to reassess as my child learns and grows.**
  - Wandering events are tracked to better understand why they happen.
  - My child's doctor will be informed of each event.
  - I will stay on alert when my child's environment changes.
  - Security changes in the home will be monitored.