

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, 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.