



# Family Wandering Emergency Plan

Make sure your family has a plan in case of a wandering emergency. Before an emergency happens, sit down together and decide how you will get in contact with each other, where you will go and what you will do in an emergency. Keep a copy of this plan in your emergency supply kit or another safe place where you can access it in the event your family member is missing.

**FAMILY MEMBER'S NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILY MEMBER'S TRANSMITTER TRACKING NUMBER (if applicable)**  
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**FAMILY MEMBER'S OFFICIAL DIAGNOSIS** \_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILY MEMBERS'S IDENTIFYING MARKS, MEDICATIONS & MEDICAL NEEDS:**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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**EMERGENCY STEPS:**

**ALWAYS CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY IF YOUR LOVED ONE IS MISSING FROM YOUR HOME.**

- Clearly state your family member's name.
- State that they have a cognitive impairment, provide the diagnosis, state they are endangered and have no sense of danger.



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- Provide your family member's radio frequency tracking number (if applicable).
- Provide your family member's date of birth, height, weight, and any other unique identifiers such as eyeglasses and braces. Tell them when you noticed that your family member was missing and what clothing he or she was wearing.
- Request an AMBER Alert be issued (if your child is a minor) or a Silver Alert be issued (if your family member is an adult). Request that your family member's name and identifying information be immediately entered into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Missing Person File.
- Search known areas your family member would likely be, or attracted to. If you have an emergency point person assigned to contact neighbors, pick up your other children from school, watch your children, etc., alert them while searching known areas your family member would likely be. *If you have small children, never leave them unattended.*

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**TIP: create an emergency point person who can contact neighbors, fax your alert form to local law enforcement, and assist in making arrangements for your children.**

Should your family member go missing, make sure this contact has a cell phone, knows what your family member is wearing, any identifying features, where your family member was last seen, how long your family member may have been gone, any medical needs or allergies your family member may have, your family member's likes and dislikes and main attractions. Ideally, the emergency contact will be a relative or close friend. Provide your emergency contact with a copy of this plan and ask them to keep it in a safe, accessible place.

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_



**TIP:** list the main places your family member may likely go within the neighborhood, as well as the most dangerous areas nearby, such as ponds, lakes, pools, etc. Search these areas first. If you have assigned “search angels” ahead of time, make sure they know which location is assigned to them. Draw maps of these locations, or physically show the volunteers the location to which they are assigned before an emergency happens.

| LOCATION NAME | LOCATION DESCRIPTION |
|---------------|----------------------|
| 1.            |                      |
| 2.            |                      |
| 3.            |                      |
| 4.            |                      |
| 5.            |                      |

**TIP:** Before an emergency happens, assign at least five (5) willing “search angels” who will commit to searching for your family member in the event of an emergency. Make sure they would be immediately available (are typically home) are willing, and know and understand which search location is assigned to them.



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| NAME | NUMBER | ADDRESS | ASSIGNED LOCATION |
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## OTHER NUMBERS:

**LAW ENFORCEMENT FAX NUMBERS:** (in case local law enforcement does not have your family member’s information on file, have your assigned emergency point person fax it.)

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## LOCAL MEDIA CONTACT NUMBERS:

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**OTHER NOTES:** (make any notes you feel may be important in case of a wandering emergency.)

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**Keep this document with you at all times. Keep a copy in a safe, accessible place within the home. Keep this with your family member’s first responder alert form, documentation of diagnosis, medical papers and any other important information.**

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