



VITAL INFORMATION FOR THE PRIMARY CAREGIVER

This informational handout should be copied and carried with you at all times – at home, in your car, and in your purse or wallet. Circulate this handout to family members, trusted neighbors, friends, and co-workers, in case you become incapacitated or injured while caring for a person with autism at home or in the community. This information will also come in handy if you are in an area other than your neighborhood and are approached by the police.

If wandering is a concern, provide a copy of this for law enforcement, fire agencies and EMS. Ask your local 911 call center to “red flag” this information in their database. Dispatchers can alert patrol officers about your concerns before the officers arrive. When we provide police officers with key information before an incident occurs, we can expect better responses.

See next page for Information Record 

PERSONAL INFORMATION RECORD

Name of child or adult with autism: _____
Nickname: _____
Date of birth: _____ Age: _____
Height: _____ Weight: _____
Eye Color: _____ Hair Color: _____
Identifying marks or scars: _____
Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name: _____
Address: _____
Primary phone number: _____
Secondary phone number: _____
Email address: _____

ADDITIONAL CAREGIVER

Name: _____
Address: _____
Primary phone number: _____
Secondary phone number: _____
Email address: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name: _____
Address: _____
Primary phone number: _____
Secondary phone number: _____
Email address: _____

METHOD OF COMMUNICATION: if nonverbal (e.g. sign language, picture boards, written word)

ID ON PERSON: (e.g. jewelry, clothing tags, printed card, or tracking device)

MEDICAL CARE PROVIDERS:

Physician: _____ Phone number: _____
Dentist: _____ Phone number: _____
Other: _____ Phone number: _____

Current prescriptions, including dosage: _____

Sensory, medical, allergy, or dietary issues and requirements: _____

Inclination for wandering and any atypical behaviors or characteristics that might attract attention: _____

Favorite attractions and locations where person might be found: _____

Likes and dislikes, including approach and de-escalation techniques: _____

Attach recent
photo here

Tips for On-Scene Caregivers and Emergency Personnel for the Care of Children and Adults with Autism

- Might NOT UNDERSTAND what you say, appear to be deaf, be unable to speak, or speak with difficulty.
- Might appear INSENSITIVE TO PAIN.
- Might DART AWAY from you unexpectedly.
- Might WANDER ANYWHERE AT ANY TIME. Wanderers are often attracted to water sources such as pools, ponds, and lakes. Drowning is a leading cause of death for a person with autism.
- Might become UPSET FOR NO APPARENT REASON.
- Might engage in SELF-STIMULATING BEHAVIORS such as hand flapping or rocking.
- Might NOT be able to make EYE CONTACT.

Check with the local 911 center to see whether the affected person is "red-flagged" in the database.