

Do the families of your patients know about the dangers of autism and wandering? Do they know that 49% of children with autism wander, and **71%** of the deaths that occur from wandering are due to drowning?

**If Your Child Wanders Away**  
**CALL 911 Don't Delay!**

**911 Call 911 first, THEN search.**

People with autism, intellectual and/or developmental disabilities, and Alzheimer's/dementia are at an increased risk as wandering or elopement is a common occurrence. It is also common for people with autism to seek out water, perhaps for its calming effects.

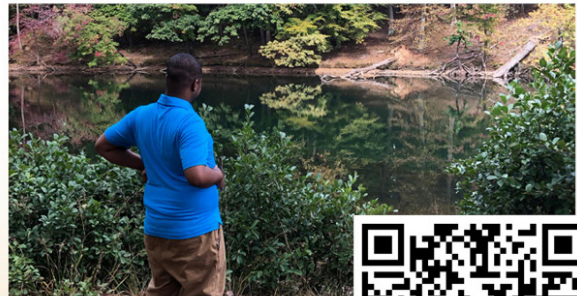
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SECONDS COUNT. Emergency responders are there to provide help right away. If your child or loved one you care for wanders off, don't wait or hesitate to call 911 first.

The more information you are able to provide when you call 911, the faster help can get there. Follow the instructions the dispatcher gives you and remember, even while they are talking to you, help is already being sent.

**Stay Calm Listen Carefully Give Information Follow Instructions**

**Wandering & Elopement**  
 Awareness • Prevention • Response



**Download the PFA Safety Kit!**

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We at the Maryland Autism Coalition want to help you educate families about this safety risk. Soon we'll be sending your office a supply of the above Call 911 flyers and Safety Kit postcards.



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