

Wandering Safety Checklist

- I have installed locks and alarms on the doors and windows in my home.
- I have placed stop signs on doors and windows to remind my child to stop before leaving the house.
- I have identified reasons why my child wanders and am teaching my child about the dangers.
- I have communicated with my trusted neighbors about my child's wandering behaviors and how to contact me in case of an emergency.
- I have notified my local police and fire department about my child's wandering behaviors.
- I have talked with teachers and other caregivers about my child's wandering and what to do if my child is missing.
- I have signed my child up for swim lessons.
- My child has wearable identification (shoes tags or medical ID) that lists my contact information.
- I have completed the Wandering Emergency Plan and Emergency Alert Form that are included in this toolkit.
- I will monitor and remain vigilant when there are changes in my home's security such as warmer weather, moving to a new home, etc.
- I will be on high alert when my child is in a new environment such as visits to someone else's home, public outings, new classroom in school, field trips, etc.
- I will write down the details of any wandering events (time, day, place, and situation) so I can better understand the reasons my child wanders and discuss with my child's doctor to help prevent these in the future.
- I will continue to monitor and reassess as my child grows.

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