

Safety on the Spectrum™

Safety Checklist

At Home

- Place visual supports at eye level at all doors. Example: Place a picture of a stop sign at eye level on each door.
- Move locks to high-to-reach locations, make access more difficult.
- Install door chimes to aid auditory support when individuals enter and exit the home.
- If you use locative technology, consider adding a geofence to your house (if supported by your device).
- Add physical boundaries to your property, including fencing, and locks to gates.

Away From Home

- Alert caregivers, school staff, and others of wandering behavior so that they can help keep your loved one safe.
- Include key stakeholders and create an approved zoning or safety plan for school and other frequently visited locations.
- Introduce your child to first responders and neighbors to help build trust and comfort.
- Consider if locative technology is the right decision for your family.

Building a Foundation

- Use social stories to support safe interactions and reduce anxiety about new experiences.
- Enroll in swimming and water safety classes.
- Make safety everyone's responsibility.

The connection is you.™



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