

# **Balancing Safety and Personal Choice**

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A least restrictive approach that places the **individual's needs and autonomy** first should be taken when deciding if locative technology is right for your family.



### **Who Could Benefit?**

Individuals with Autism, Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD), and Alzheimer's or related dementias who are at increased risk of injury or death due to wandering and drowning.



#### What Should I Know?

- It's a personal choice for each family and individual.
- It can enhance safety for individuals at risk of wandering but may also raise privacy and autonomy concerns.



## Where is Your Information Kept?

Ask your specific vendor or agency for information on how your data is stored and protected.











## **Quick Tips**

Choosing to use any kind of tracking technology is a big decision and **should be talked about openly and honestly.** It's important to remember everyone's situation is different.

- Everyone should understand what the technology is and how it works, who will have access to the information, and other concerns unique to your family's needs.
- You can consider other, least restrictive methods of support you can try before utilizing locative technology.
- Make locative technology decisions a team discussion, but an individual choice.

Need help understanding locative technology? See our **Locative Technology Fact Sheet**.





Everyone deserves to feel safe, and safety starts with personal choice. Learn More.

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