



# It Takes Two

## Dual Layer Safety What You Need to Know

**Dual-layer protection** combines **preventative measures** with **risk reduction strategies**. Taking this approach can help keep your loved one safe.

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### Layer One: Prevent Wandering

- **Secure doors & windows:** Install door alarms on each door or window in the house.
- **Develop search plans:** Identify bodies of water near the home and other places of interest.
- **Develop a safety plan.**
- **Collaborate with first responders:** Getting to know your local law enforcement before an emergency is helpful.

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### Layer Two: Reduce Drowning Risks

- **Secure bodies of water:** Install pool fences with self-latching doors around pools or bodies of water on property.
- **Designate a responsible person to supervise water.**
- **Demonstrate safe behaviors:** Show, explain, and practice safe actions in all water environments to encourage consistency and learning.



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For people with intellectual  
and developmental disabilities





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## Two Seconds. Two Inches. Two Layers.

Every two seconds, a loved one could wander. Two inches of water could pose a risk. **It Takes Two** is a national campaign to prevent wandering and drowning incidents among individuals with Autism, Alzheimer's/Dementia, and other developmental disabilities.

**In the event of a missing person,  
FIRST call 911 THEN arrange a search  
of all nearby bodies of water (pools,  
ponds, canals, etc.) immediately.**



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