

KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE FROM WANDERING

For Philadelphia families of children with autism and curious kids

HOW TO MAKE YOUR HOME SAFER

BEDROOM



Install bells on the bedroom door so you are alerted if your child leaves.

WINDOWS



Add locks or stops to windows.
Move furniture away from windows.

STAIRS



Use safety gates at the top and bottom of stairs.

DOORS



Install locks, alarms and bells out of reach of child.

We provide a stop sign to place on doors at home.

POOLS



Fence all sides of the pool.
Use a self-latching gate.

FAMILY / BEHAVIOR PRACTICES

TEACH "STOP"



Practice "Stop" or "Freeze" commands as a game.

WEAR A WRISTBAND



Give your child a wristband to wear with their name, the name they respond to, caregiver name, and caregiver phone number.

CAR SAFETY



Always use childproof door locks.
Use a safety belt and age-appropriate car seat.

STAY CLOSE



Hold your child's hand in public. Assign at least one adult to supervise your child at all times, especially in large gatherings.

HELPFUL RESOURCES

PHILLY AUTISM PROJECT

Online & In-Person Classes
Playdates • Support Groups
Questions or want support?
Call 215-571-3209 or
visit phillyautismproject.org.



SWIM LESSONS



Drowning is the #1 danger when a child wanders.
Scan the code for places that may offer free swim lessons.



LOCKS & ALARMS



A child can slip outside in seconds. Locks can protect your child, and alarms will alert you if they leave.
Scan the code to find stores near you.



SAFETY KIT



One free box to start securing your home. Includes door alarms, a shoe ID tag, and stop signs.



PROJECT ELIJAH

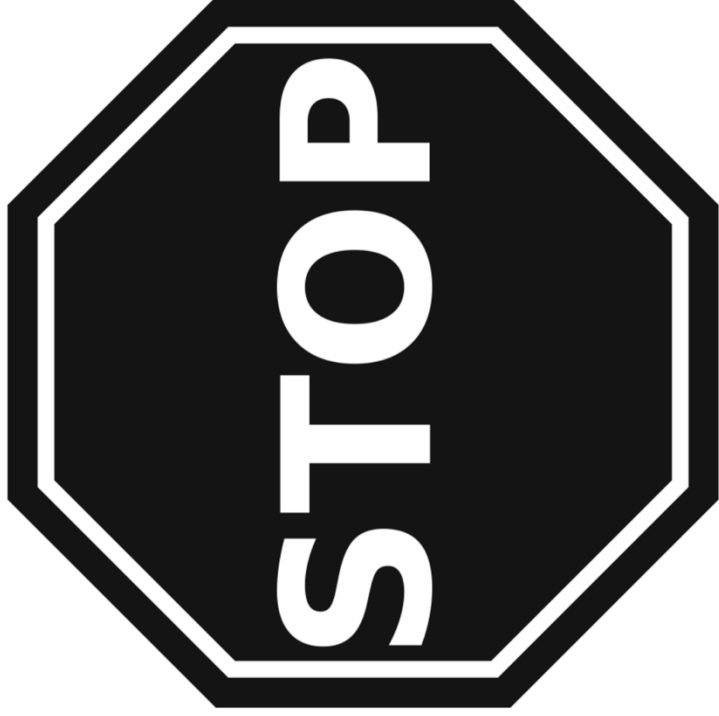
Drivers can not tell a child may run onto the street. Get a free yard sign from Project Elijah.



If you rent: Use stick-on alarms or bells, portable door locks, and pressure-mounted gates. No drilling needed!



Cut out this sign and tape it inside doors that lead outside



Teach your child to wait for a caregiver before going out the door.

Your Family Safety Plan

If your child is missing, call 911 right away

When you call, be ready to give:

- ☐ An up-to-date photo of your child
- ☐ Height, weight, hair, and skin color
- ☐ The clothes they have on
- ☐ Whether or not they can speak
- ☐ The name they answer to

Places to Search First

List your child's favorite places. If there is a body of water (pools, creeks, rivers) check there first.

Example: neighbor Ana's pool

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

assigned to

1.

assigned to

2.

assigned to

3.

assigned to

4.

People Who Can Help

List the people who can search with you. Write their name and phone number.

Example: neighbor Ana, 215-555-0134

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Share a copy of this plan with the people who will help.