

# Wandering Prevention Strategies

Wandering away from home, school or in the community can be dangerous for individuals with autism spectrum disorders. Project Lifesaver is one resource to help locate individuals who have wandered and may become lost. The best outcome is to prevent unsafe wandering whenever possible. CARD-USF has compiled some resources to assist your family to reduce unsafe wandering for individuals with autism spectrum disorders. CARD-USF is also available to provide consultation to help you support your loved one at home, school or in the community.

Autism and Safety in the Home (Autism Society of America)

<http://www.autism-society.org>

Elopement (Running Away) - Butterfly Effects

<http://www.butterflyeffects.com>

Behavior Intervention Plan suggestions for elopement..... (from the Autism and PDD Support Network message board)

<http://www.autism-pdd.net>

AUTISM SAFETY TOOLKIT: Keeping Our Children Safe (National Autism Association)

<http://www.nationalautismassociation.org/>

Preparing for an Autism Emergency - (Dennis Debbaudt)

<http://www.autismriskmanagement.com>

Elopement, or Wandering, In People With Autism

<http://www.blisstree.com>

Protecting the Child or Adult with Autism (South Carolina Autism Society)

<http://www.scautism.org>

10 Ways to Prevent Wandering (WebMD - not about autism specifically)

<http://www.webmd.com/brain/brain-disorders-injuries-9/prevent-wandering>

Book recommendation:

***Autism, Advocates, and Law Enforcement Professionals***

***Recognizing and Reducing Risk Situations for People with Autism Spectrum Disorders***

Dennis Debbaudt

Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 2001

Available on Amazon.com