

If Person With Autism is Missing

- Treat each case as critical.** Those with autism can have an impaired sense of danger and often go straight to water or traffic.
- Ask the caregiver if the person wears a personal tracking device, if so, immediately initiate tracking measures.
- Search Water First!** Even if the child or adult is said to dislike water, search any type of nearby water, including waste water.
- Ask about other dangers that the person may be attracted to; busy roads/highways/construction sites, etc. and immediately dispatch personnel to secure those areas.
- Ask about individual's likes that may assist in search efforts – Will they be drawn to certain music, favorite characters, fire trucks, mom's voice, etc.
- Ask about individual's dislikes and fears or sensory issues that may hinder search efforts. (Dogs, Sirens, Aircraft, Lights, Shouting.)
- Ask if the individual will respond to his/her name when called.
- Implement Reverse 9-1-1 (Visit achildmissing.org for details.)
- Issue an Endangered Missing Alert.



"We're ecstatic we found this kid with everything stacked against us."

Capt. B.J. Jones, who helped locate a nonverbal 7-year-old boy in a riverbed after an eight-hour search - ModBee, January 2014



Training & Search Resources

National Center For Missing & Exploited Children:
missingkids.com; 1-800-THE-LOST

Project Lifesaver Tracking:
projectlifesaver.org

SafetyNet Tracking:
safetynettracking.com

Reverse 911:
achildmissing.org

Autism Risk Management:
autismriskmanagement.com

Take Me Home Registry:
Officer Jimmy Donohoe
Jdonohoe@ci.pensacola.fl.us

EMA Emergency Alert Guidelines:
ncjrs.gov

Prevention Resources for Families

National Autism Association
nationalautismassociation.org

NAA's Big Red Safety Box
bigredsafetybox.com

AWAARE Collaboration
awaare.org