Wandering Prevention Resources

When they wander, you worry.

Whether you have a teen with autism or a parent with Alzheimer’s, you never want to discover your loved ones have unknowingly wandered away. They may be unable to ask for help when they realize they’re lost, but there are new ways to ensure you won’t be concerned about their security.
Many tracking devices use GPS (Global Positioning System) technology to locate your loved ones faster. Prices vary among devices and data connections, but some insurance plans (including Medical Assistance) may cover the cost. A prescription may be needed. When purchasing a tracking device or band, consider the following features:

- Waterproof
- Web application-friendly
- Text message alerts
- Lockable wristband
- Extended live batteries
- Charger base station
- Geo-fence boundaries
- Portable receiver
- Audible alert on receiver
- Removal alert
- Low battery alert
- SOS button

As the technology and market continue to change, the most up-to-date information is available by searching the Internet for “personal GPS tracker”. These websites may also be helpful.

www.autismsafety.org/prevention
www.ausm.org
www.alz.org/care/alzheimers-dementia-wandering.asp
www.alz.org/mnnd