## **Guiding an Improved Dementia Experience** (GUIDE)

**EDUCATION AND SUPPORT RESOURCES** 

### **Helpful Checklists**





#### **EMERGENCY KIT**

Keep the emergency kit in a **waterproof container.** Store it in a place that is safe and easy to find.

Foo	d and Drink Checklist :	
E	Bottled water	Plastic forks, spoons, knives, cups
	Canned food	Zippered plastic bags
	Manual can opener	Trash bags
	Powdered electrolyte drinks	Other:
Med	ical Supplies :	
	First aid kit	Medications
	Instant heat/ice packs	Other:
Equ	ipment :	
	Mobile telephone chargers	Dust mask
	Flashlight	Plastic sheeting (ex: painters
	Battery-powered weather radio	drop cloth)
	Battery-powered fan	Duct tape
	Batteries (AA, AAA, D)	Maps
	Whistle	Other:

Clothing & Toiletries	
Easy on/off clothes	Denture supplies
Adult briefs/ incontinence pads	Lotion
Shoes/sneakers (velcro closures if possible)	My own clothes
Eyeglasses/ contact lenses	Sleeping bags/ blankets
Manual can opener	
Powdered electrolyte drinks	Other:
Cleaning Supplies	
Hand sanitizer	Toothette (toothbrush that looks like a cotton swab but has a foam head with
Wet wipes	"built in" toothpaste.
Body wipes	Other:

Documents:	Telephone Numbers of:
<ul><li>Extra identification</li><li>items</li><li>Copies of legal documents</li></ul>	<ul><li>Primary contact people</li><li>Doctor</li></ul>
Copies of medical documents	Medic Alert + Alzheimer's Association Safe Return 1-800-625-3780
Copies of insurance, SSN, Medicare/Medicaid	Aging services Agency
Credit/ debit cards	Other:
Loved One's Favorite Items	

#### **HANDOUT FOR SEARCH PARTY**

Name of Missing Person :	
Other names Missing Person goes by:	
All language's spoken :	
Lives at:	
<ul> <li>Has dementia, is missing.</li> <li>May be in danger or put others in danger</li> <li>No one must argue or reason with Missing Person, otherwise situation may worsen.</li> </ul>	
Name and relationship of Caregiver :	
Phone:	
Home base :	
This person will remain at (or return) to the house in case missing person return (name, relationship, phone):	ns
Missing Persons Registry :	
Safe Return (MedicAlert + Alzheimer's Association) : 1-800-625-3780	
Silver Alert (Phone) :	
Other Registry (name, phone) :	

#### What Missing Person Looks Like

Approximate date o	f most recent photo:
Type of photo and v	/ho has it:
Print :	Eye color :
Computer :	Beard/Mustache :
Flash drive :	
Smartphone :	Hair (color & style) :
Tablet :	
Social media :	Skin color :
Age:	Physical marks (where they are wha
Height:	
Weight:	
Missing Person w	as last seen wearing:
Medical Health :	
Blood type	Hearing aids Allergies
Eyeglasses	Walking cane Medications
Dentures/Dental wo	ork Walker Diabetic

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a lot	sometimes	very little
The car/tr	uck/SUV is missin	g:
Color : _		GPS:
Make/Model: _		Things about the vehicle that wo make it easier to find:
Good way	s to approach the	Missing Person:
The best p	person to do it is (	name, relationship, phone) :
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#### Good ways to encourage the Missing Person to go home:

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	Places the Missing Person is likely to go if they want to be alone:
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# Senior Home Safety Checklist





#### **Bathroom Safety**



- Install a shower bench for seniors who have trouble standing.
- Non-skid mats or strips to prevent slipping.
- Clearly marked lever handles for hard-to-turn faucets.
- Install grab bars near toilets and showers.
- Consider walk-in tub for seniors who have trouble getting in the bath.
- Install a raised toilet seat to help with standing and bending.



#### **Kitchen Safety**



- Install automatic shutoff timers for ovens and stoves.
- Move curtains, paper towels, and fire hazards from range.
- Add lever handles and temperature controls for faucets Install finger-safe garbage disposal covers.
- Consider pull-down shelves, or move most used products forward.
- Keep knives and sharp items in blocks or holders, not loose.



#### **Bedroom Safety**



- Install bed rails and adjust bed height for fall prevention.
- Remove trip hazards like area rugs and cords.
- Install accessible light sources near the bed and nightlights.
- Place medical alert device and charger near bed.
- Set up bedside toilet if needed.
- Add a sturdy chair for dressing and support.