

Safety and Individuals With Autism

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A Little Housekeeping

- Please turn cell phones to vibrate or off
- If you are comfortable sitting, please sit; if you need to stand by all means...
- If you have questions- please stop me and ask away!

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Good Ideas That Don't Cost a Dime!

- Talk to your police and school resource officers. Privacy laws make it more difficult for schools to point out to school officers which child has special needs. Parents, however, can be proactive and disclose that information to officers.
- Parents should contact the 911 database to have information put into the database that a child at their address has autism.
- Parents and educators should teach children with autism to recognize a public safety uniform and to show some identification such as a medical bracelet if the child was involved in an emergency.
- People need to be aware children with autism are more likely to be targets for bullies and the victims of sexual, physical or verbal abuse. Keep an eye on victims or potential victims as well as bullies.

- Department of Motor Vehicle Disabled Placard

In most cases you need to take medical proof of the disability (Autism is a neurological impairment) to your Department of Motor Vehicles or Town/City Hall and fill out an application.

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Continued No Cost Ideas

- Take a physical walk around your home and neighborhood; Check out the fence and gates along the houses,
- The same needs to be done for relative's and friend's homes, especially if the child will be staying there over holidays, summer vacations or spring/winter breaks. Before a scheduled visit walk the perimeters of the house and check doors, locks and windows. Walk around the streets and scout for pools and neighborhood animals.
- Talk to your neighbors! Make note if the child is scared of dogs, helicopters, sirens and whether the child is verbal or not. Also discuss echolalia if the child is known to repeat what they hear, since this could appear to be a stubborn streak in a kid, when in fact the child does not understand what is being discussed.
- Pools should be equipped with safety fences and locked at all times.

Low Cost

- Safety tag by AutismLink LLC, helps to keep children with autism safe, especially those who have a tendency to wander away.



- Available on AutismLink's online store at www.autismlink.com/store - \$6.99-\$16.99
- Tags are brightly engraved with the words "Alert. I am a person with autism and may not respond to verbal commands." The back of the safety tags can be custom engraved.

- ID Bracelets/Necklaces/ID Tags- \$9.99-\$20.00



- Home Window and Car Decals- Typical child decals from your local fire department or customized can be purchased at such sites as www.VistaPrint.com - approximately \$6.00; The one seen here \$1.50/2 www.autismgear.com

- Autism Society of America's Safe & Sound Packet
 - \$4 donation to the Autism Society of America, at www.autismsociety.org

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Low Cost Continued

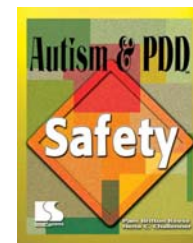
Child Safety Kits: \$15.99-24.99- <http://www.mypreciouskid.com>

- Child ID Card
- Child Car Seat ID Card
- Medical Release Card
- Child Luggage Tag ID Card
- Shoe ID Stickers
- Disposable Child ID bracelet
- Child DNA Fingerprint Kit

The more expensive kit includes an identity contact card to stick on pocket, a tooth print dental impression and shoe ID Tag (can also be put on a belt loop)

Autism &PDD Safety Book www.linguisystems.com Price: \$31.95

Ages: 3-18 **Grades:** PreK-Adult **Authors:** Pam Britton Reese, Nena C. Challenner



Project Lifesaver (or related) Tracking Programs –

www.projectlifesaver.org Cost varies, most programs are under \$20.00/month Check with local law enforcement to see if they have this program. If not- spearhead the drive to get it!

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Let's Go Inside!



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General

Most, if not all of the following can be found at:

www.mypreciouskid.com

- **Home Safety Kits:** 46 piece Home Safety Kit **\$19.99**
 - 10 Cabinet Locks
 - 30 Outlet Plugs
 - 2 Sliding Locks
 - 2 Multi Locks
 - 2 Door Knob Covers
- **Door and window alarms:** approximately \$10.00-\$25.00 each
 - small wireless door alarms, a key pad alarm and a door jam alarm for hotel travel.

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The Kitchen



Magnetic cabinet locks \$24.99 for 4- Cabinets up to 1" thick; needs to be installed upright; no drilling-no holes- Key is sold separately for \$5.99.



Refrigerator Lock- \$7.49

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The Bathroom

- Bathroom Safety Kit:
28 piece Home Safety Kit -**\$19.99**
 - 7 Outlet Plugs
 - 1 Toilet Lock
 - 1 Door Stopper
 - 1 Cabinet Lock
 - 3 Drawer Catches
 - 1 Bath Thermometer
 - 1 Tub Spout Cover
 - 12 Tub Appliqués
 - 1 Multi-latch
- Toilet Lid Lock - \$7.99
- Bathtub handle - \$9.99



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Additional Rooms



Furniture Brackets- Strap furniture securely to the wall; Detachable strap for easy moving of furniture for cleaning; Accommodates up to 4 pieces of furniture. (8 Safety Brackets total)
Easy-release system for moving and reattaching furniture.- \$5.99



TV Strap- can also be used with VCR, computers and stereo equipment - \$19.99

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Other Rooms Continued



- Safety Gates – Prices vary
- Video Baby Monitors- Prices Vary
- “Dutch” doors
- More drastic measures

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A Few Words About Outside!



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- Fences

- Child Locator- The teddy bear child personal safety alarm receiver (water resistant) delivers a 56db intermittent chirp/beeping sound that functions over 50 feet away from the keychain transmitter. Lets you "hear" where your child is. Requires 2 "CR2032" batteries and 1 "mini 12 V" extended life battery (all included). Children age 1-7. -\$30.00



- www.brickhousesecurity.com/locator.html - \$189.95 -The child wears a specially designed, tamper and water-resistant bracelet. The bracelets adjust to fit snugly against your child's skin, and contain a strong locking mechanism that cannot be easily opened without a key, included with the base unit. If the tamper- proof bracelet is removed from the child's wrist, a tamper alarm immediately sounds on the base unit to alert parents. Additional pieces such as a base unit belt clip can also be purchased.

Includes:

- 1x Handheld Locator Device
- 3x Mini Homing Tags
- 1x Panic Homing Tag
- 4x Key Ring Loop and Adhesive Strips
- User Guide
- Duracell Batteries Included

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- The Spanish Company Keruve has recently introduced a locator wristband designed to help parents keep track of their children's whereabouts that is water PROOF. Once the child wears the wristband, which is incorporated with a tracker, parents use a highly accurate global positioning system to make sure the child does not go missing. Keruve has made sure the wristband tracker is durable and is impossible to take off without permission. – **No Price Posted Yet. Warning- The website is in Spanish!** 😊 www.keruve.com

**Sounds Alarm
Instant Child Falls in
Water**



**peace of mind
by the pool...
at the lake...
in the boat**

Child Water Safety Alarm- \$149.95 Simply place the turtle wristband around your child's wrist. If they fall into the water, a loud alarm will sound at the Base Station. www.securebaby.com

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Thank You!

Children are our most
valuable natural resource

-Herbert Hoover

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