ID LOCATOR SERVICE

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Alzheimer's Community Care's ID Locator Service provides education and resources to ensure the safety of patients diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or related neurocognitive disorders who are at risk of wandering. To participate in this service, the patient must meet the following criteria:

- Is at risk of wandering
- Have a diagnosis of probable Alzheimer's disease or related neurocognitive disorder
- Complete an evaluation with an Alzheimer's Community Care Family Nurse Navigator

Benefits of the ID Locator Service

- Proven safety tools provided for the patient and caregiver at little or no cost
- Provides caregiver relief in knowing that their loved one is equipped with a safety measure
- Dementia-specific education and training to ensure the safety of the patient
- Longstanding partnerships between Law Enforcement Agencies and Alzheimer's Community Care to assist in a wandering event
- Access to other dementia-specific services and resources offered by Alzheimer's Community Care

An estimated **5.8 million** Americans have Alzheimer's disease

70% of patients are being cared for by family members in their homes, and are at risk to wander at some point

80% of patients not found within 72 hours may not survive an elopement event

Tips & Strategies for Wandering Prevention

1. Keep routine for the patient. It provides structure.
2. Offer favorite activity to prevent restless periods.
3. Ensure basic needs are met. Does the patient need to use the bathroom? Is the patient hungry or thirsty, bored or tired?
4. Install locks at the top or bottom of the door so they remain out of the line of sight.
5. Use loose-fitting doorknob covers to inhibit opening, install chimes to signal when a door has been opened; install safety devices to limit how much windows and sliding glass doors can be opened.
6. Secure garage doors, pool gates and fence gates that may lead to potential dangers. Patient may be attracted to water.
7. Place "STOP", "DO NOT ENTER" or "CLOSED" signs on the door or camouflage the door with scenic posters or wallpaper.
8. Keep shoes, car keys, coats, hats and/or other signs of leaving out of sight.
9. DO NOT leave a patient who has previously wandered unattended.
10. Call to consult with a Family Nurse Navigator.

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