

SAFETY AT HOME DURING COVID-19

AUTISM FACEBOOK LIVE SERIES

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WHAT DO WE MEAN BY “SAFETY?”



- Elopement = wandering or running away
- Keeping kids safe spending so much time at home

WE ARE GOING
TO TALK
ABOUT...

Risks

Behavioral Strategies

Who else needs to know?

ID for your child

Safety at home

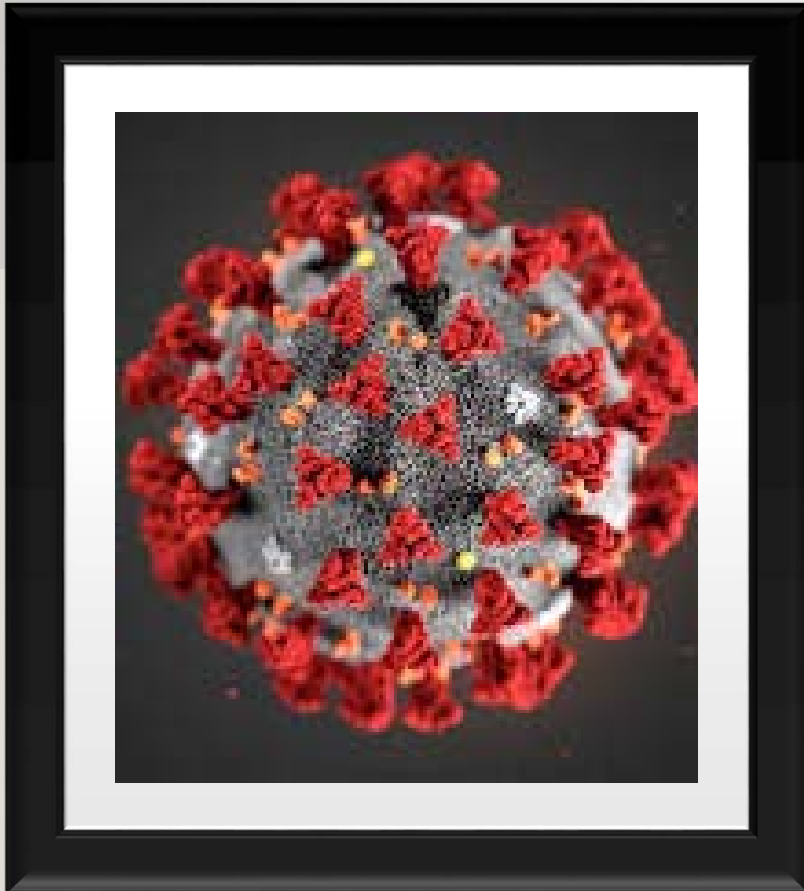
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WHAT ARE THE RISKS FOR CHILDREN WITH ASD?

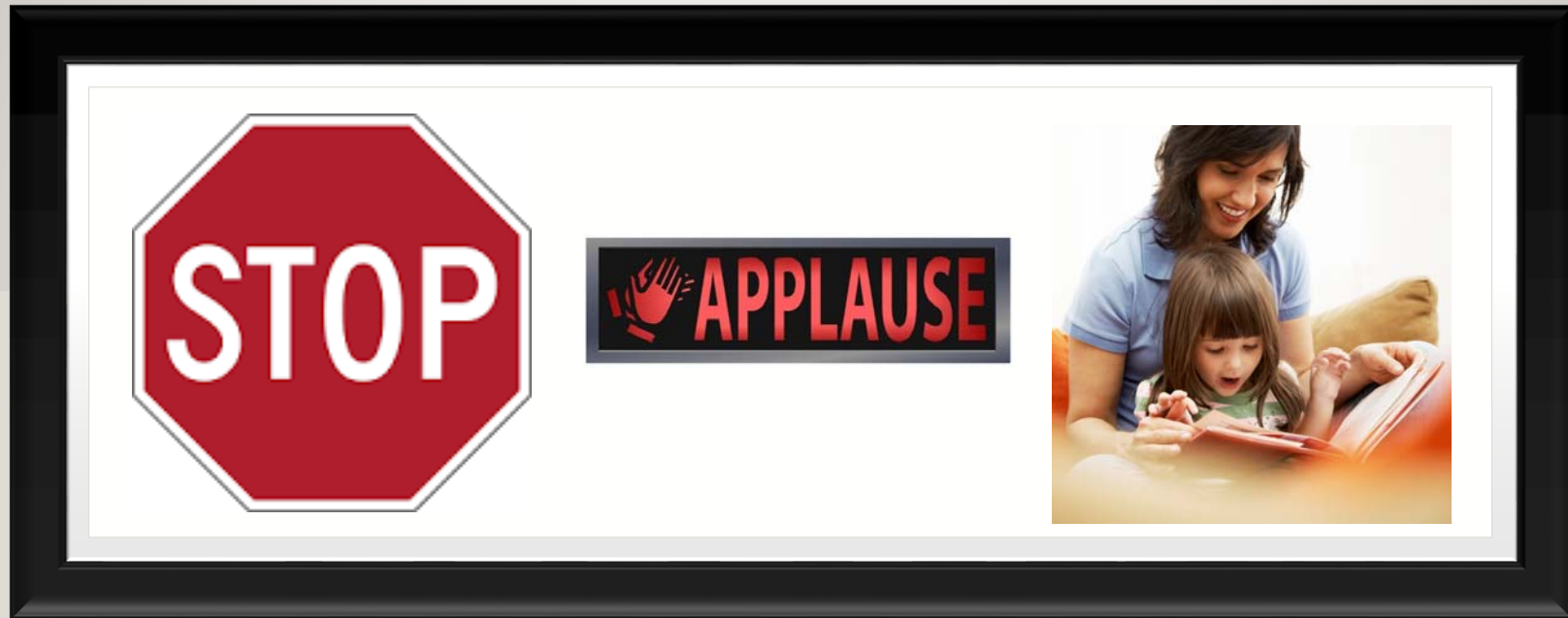


COVID-19 COULD BE MAKING THINGS HARDER FOR FAMILIES...

- Everyone's routines have changed and everyone is stressed... and not just the kids. Could be seeing behavior as communication of this stress
- Missing the structure of school
- Parents may be trying to work from home
- Kids may be wanting to leave the house to go...anywhere!
- Reduced sensory regulation could be leading to increased risky behaviors like pica, climbing, and getting into unlocked cabinets

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GOOD NEWS...
THERE ARE THINGS WE CAN
DO!



EXAMPLES OF BEHAVIORAL STRATEGIES

USE PRINTABLE VISUALS

TONS OF PRAISE

SOCIAL STORIES OR VIDEO MODELING

WHO ELSE NEEDS TO KNOW?

- **Talk to your neighbors**
- **Consider talking to law enforcement**
- **Include safety concerns in IEP**



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ID FOR YOUR CHILD

ID BRACELETS



ID FOR YOUR CHILD - SHOE TAGS



 smart
KIDS ID®



SAFETY AT HOME



HOME AND APPLIANCE SAFETY



SAFE STORAGE

- Make sure prescription drugs, vitamins, and supplements are all safely stored.
Consider a medication lock box
- **Make sure that any firearms are safely stored**, meaning unloaded, locked with a gun lock or stored in a safe, and with ammunition stored separately



DOOR AND DOORWAY SAFETY



DOOR HARDWARE & ALARMS

Autism Childproof Lock!

Your Child can unlock the door and be gone without you knowing.

Don't wait for a tragedy to happen!

Autism Childproof Lock!

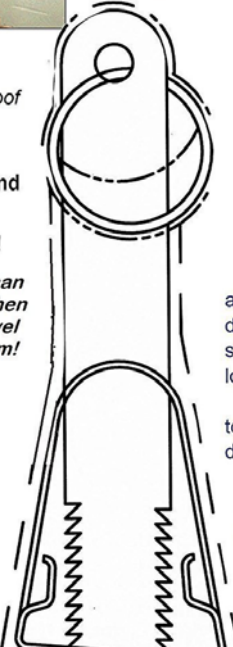
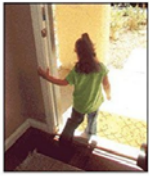
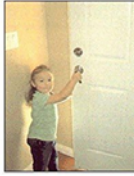
Works 24/7 and Never Sleeps!

So you can sleep when you travel with them!

Will stop most Children at the door. Children do not have the hand strength to operate the lock.

Portable lock attaches to hinged doors without damage.

Autism Childproof Lock! can travel with you on vacation or to a friend's home down the street.





**ONE BACK DOOR -
MANY STRATEGIES!**

WINDOWS, ETC.



ELECTRONIC DEVICES



MANY DEVICES ON THE MARKET



GPS TRACKING TECHNOLOGY

Pros

- Widely available
- Wide price range
- Small tag, bracelet, square device
- Work well most outdoor locations
- Typically “tracked” with a personal cell phone
- Rechargeable
- Some versions have “listen in” capability

Cons

- Don't work well indoors
- Most require a monthly data plan
- Not typically waterproof
- Varied battery life on a single charge

RADIO FREQUENCY TRACKING



RADIO FREQUENCY TRACKING TECHNOLOGY

Pros

- Track well indoors and outdoors
- Some offer waterproof function for a certain time and/or water depth

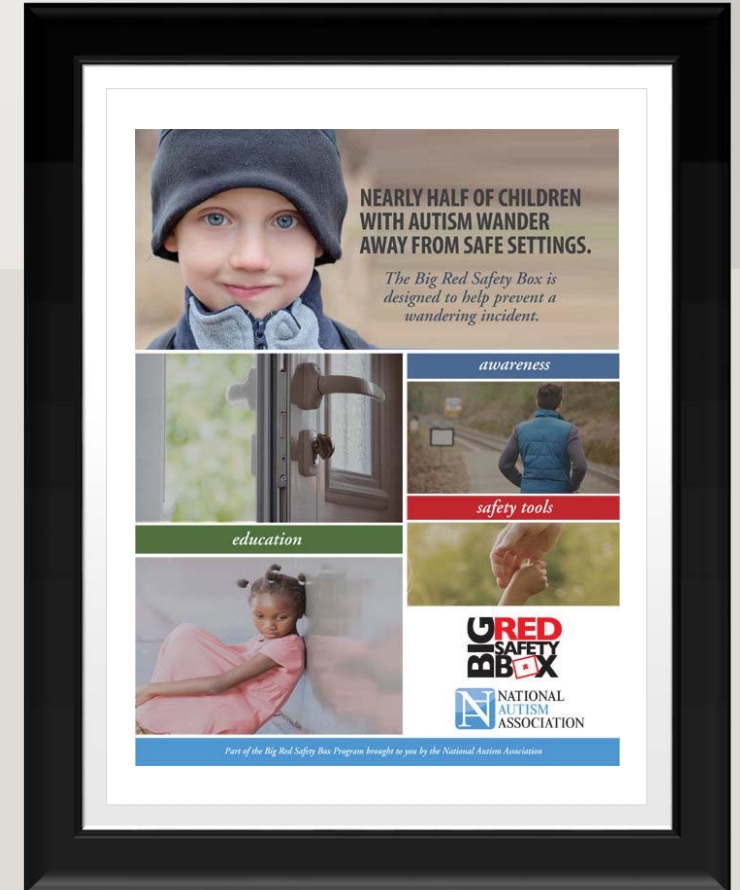
Cons

- Often more expensive
- Typically used in conjunction with law enforcement programs and need special device brought in by law enforcement to track
- Often use batteries and need regular planned replacement



“BE RED-Y” BOOKLET – WANDERING PREVENTION

- Free, downloadable
- Checklist for all aspects of safety
- Behavioral strategies
- Sample social stories scripts
- Sample safety plan to share with law enforcement



SERVICES * HEALTH & WELLNESS

Home Clinics & Hospitals Family & Visitors

UWHealth
American Family
Children's Hospital

FIND A DOCTOR * GET INVOLVED

Online Services Referring Physicians Kids' Safety

Search Site...

Kids' Safety

Safety Center

Safe to Sleep

Safe Kids

Calendar of Events



Safety Center at American Family Children's Hospital

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Child Health Advocacy and Kids' Safety

Home > Kids' Safety > Child Injury Prevention > Safety Center at American Family Children's Hospital

Safety Center at American Family Children's Hospital



The Kohr's Safety Center at American Family Children's Hospital

The goal of the Safety Center at American Family Children's Hospital is to offer a variety of child safety products and injury prevention education materials to families at the Children's Hospital and throughout Wisconsin.

At the Safety Center, you can shop for products, receive educational materials and ask our trained staff questions about child safety. Most items are less expensive than at local retailers.

This unique Safety Center serves as a resource for all Wisconsin families.

Child Safety is Important

Unintentional injuries are the leading cause of death to children ages 14 and under. With education and properly used child safety products, injuries are preventable.

At the Safety Center, parents and families have an opportunity to practice using different types of safety products. Brochures on preventing childhood injury are also available to families.

Let us help you prevent injuries to your child

Safety Products Make Great Gifts

If you know expecting parents, or have children of your own, the Safety Center offers safety products at prices lower than you'll find in stores. For the next baby shower gift, consider a diaper bag filled with safety items and a guide to help parents keep their new baby safe. Car seats, helmets, smoke detectors are just a few of the

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(608) 890-8043

Hours
Mondays: 10am-4pm
Tuesdays: 10am-7pm
Wednesday-Friday:
10am-1pm
Saturdays: Open
8am-noon third Saturday in
September, November,
January, March, May and
July

Multimedia
[Carseat Safety and Guidelines](#)

Audio
[Listen Up and Help Keep Kids Safe](#)

DONATE

SHARE

TEXT



IMPORTANT RESOURCES

- Children's Long-Term Support Waiver (CLTS) Case Manager or Service Coordinator
- Regional Centers for Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) –

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/cyshcn/regionalcenters.htm>

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