

Safe Return Program

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It is estimated that 60% of the 4 million Americans that have Alzheimer's will wander away from home or their caregivers and get lost. [Wandering behavior](#) is a potentially life threatening situation. The way we [respond to wandering](#) behaviour is critical. The Safe Return Program has helped in the safe return of over 8,000 people since 1993.

The Alzheimer's Association Safe Return Program is a government-funded program. It is there for people with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.

The Safe Return Program has a national information and photo database. It operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with a toll free crisis line. It works through Alzheimer's Association chapters across the country, law enforcement and other emergency responder agencies.

The Safe Return Program will provide identification products such as jewelry (necklaces and bracelets), wallet cards, clothing labels with the toll free 800 number on them.

The Alzheimer's Association Safe Return Response

Anyone who finds the lost person calls the toll free number shown on the identification product the person is wearing. They alert the family or caregiver listed on the Safe Return database. Safe Return Program faxes the missing person's photograph and information and to local law enforcement agencies. Local Alzheimer's Association chapters provide family support and assistance while police conduct the search and rescue.

Cost of the Safe Return Program

There is a \$40 registration fee. Jewelry is about \$5.

Contacting the Safe Return Program

contact the Alzheimer's Association at (800) 272-3900
Link to Alzheimer's Association Safe Return Program- www.alz.org/SafeReturn Safe Return enrollment form comes in other languages- Chinese, Korean, Polish, Russian, Spanish and Vietnamese.

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