Dear Neighbor,

We have a child with autism/special needs. About half of children with autism/special needs have a tendency to wander from a safe environment.

We watch our child very carefully, but sometimes he/she suddenly may wander away from a safe environment.

Our child’s name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ He/she is\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_years old as of today, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He/she is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_tall and weighs about\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_lbs . He/she usually wears\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**What to Do?**

We kindly ask if you see our child alone, please stay with him/her and immediately call:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. We are probably already looking for him/her. Please also call 911 and tell them that you have found our child.

Our child, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, does not speak very well and does not understand dangerous situations. He/she might walk into the street without looking. He/she may be attracted to bodies of water, like lakes, ponds, or swimming pools and could drown. He/she might walk in your house or yard if a door or gate is open. He/She will become lost very easily and not know he/she is lost. If you ask our child a question, he/she may not answer.

Our child may appear to be deaf. However, our child can hear. He/she may not react to things that he/she hears or sees or respond to questions that are asked.

Our child sometimes has outbursts where he/she might scream or shake his/her hands, or act in unusual ways. Please don’t misinterpret any of these behaviors. He/she does not intend to hurt anyone. If you see out child, and he/she is alone, please stay with him/her and call us, then call 911 right away.

We have included a recent picture of our child.

Thank you,

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(Parent Name)

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