

CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY IN THE EVENT OF AN ELOPEMENT.

Autism/Intellectual Disability 911 Elopement “Script”

In most emergency situations, the first step taken by the individuals involved is to dial 911. Telecommunicators play a key role in ascertaining the type of emergency that is occurring and determining the proper staff and equipment needed for that particular situation. It is extremely important for these professionals to understand autism and the types of behaviors that individuals with autism might display in emergency situations. By providing the appropriate information, telecommunicators are able to provide the best and most effective response to ensure the safety of individuals with autism.

Below is a 911 script that a parent or caregiver can complete prior to an emergency situation.

Child’s name

INSERT CURRENT PICTURE HERE

Height:	Weight:
Hair:	Allergies:
Eyes:	Birth Date:
Clothing Description:	Medical Needs:
Diagnosis:	Tracking Device:
Verbal or Non-Verbal:	Other Important Information:

My child may do the following should they elope – (bolt and run, not respond to their name, hide, etc.).

My child may go to the following destination should they elope – (local parks, local businesses, schools, bodies of water, train tracks, etc.).

If you encounter my child, the following information may be helpful for officers to know – (may run from search teams, may not respond to their name, may hide, etc.).

My loved one likes – (confined spaces, deep pressure, sensory items, etc.).

My loved one dislikes – (crowds, loud noises, dogs, etc.).

My loved one relies on life-sustaining medication (if applicable).

My loved one has wandered before – (If yes, where were they located?)

The following things are utilized as calming strategies:

The areas of water near my residence are – (Google map, if applicable).