



Silver Alert Kit Checklist

When caring for a loved one with dementia or Alzheimer's disease, it is helpful to be prepared. By completing the materials within this Silver Alert Kit, you will be ready in case of a wandering situation or emergency.

- Complete the enclosed **Personal Profile Form**.
- Gather recent pictures of the person (face, profile, and full-length if possible). Pictures should be recent, taken within the last 6 months. A video would also be helpful. Collect a scent sample, such as a pillowcase or unwashed item of clothing. Store in a Ziploc type bag.
- Create a list of emergency phone numbers, including agencies to contact, family, friends, and neighbors.
- Review the **Wandering Warning Signs** page to identify warning signs and how to *prevent* wandering.
- Follow the recommendations listed on the **Wandering Preparation & Response** page to prepare for wandering situations.
- Familiarize yourself with the **North Carolina Silver Alert Brochure** to understand how to activate a Silver Alert and locate relevant resources.
- Add the person's most recent "After Visit Summary" from their physician to the Silver Alert Packet.
- Complete the **Silver Alert Kit** and make copies to have readily available. Add one set to the accompanying **Silver Alert Bag** to have in case of emergency. Store in a safe, secure place.



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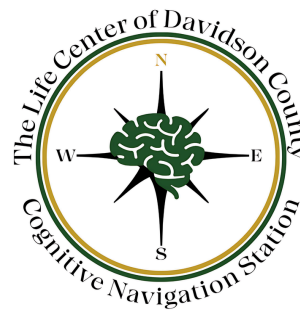
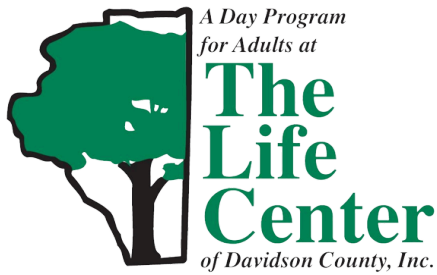
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Silver Alert Kit

Emergency Preparedness Kit for Missing Older Adults





Personal Profile Form

DIRECTIONS: Save a copy of this document on your computer or phone AND print multiple copies and keep in a safe location.

DATE COMPLETED: _____

Personal Information

Full Name:

Nickname(s):

Date of Birth:

Age:

Height: ____ ft. ____ in.

Gender:

Weight:

Ethnicity:

Race:

Identifying Information

Unique Features/Physical Characteristics: Glasses Cane Prosthetics

Uses Walker Hearing Aid(s) Mustache Wig Wheelchair

Description & Location of the Following:

Moles:

Eye Color:

Scars:

Hair Color:

Birthmarks:

Hair Length:

Tattoos:

Last Seen Wearing: (type, color, sleeve length, pull-over, button up, etc.):
Fill in this section after the person has gone missing.

If the individual is enrolled in MedicAlert, what is the ID#:

Do they have any ID items? Bracelet Necklace Driver's License

Other: _____

GPS enabled electronics, jewelry, or clothing (i.e., shoe insole)? Watch Phone
Tile Other: _____

Location Information

Current Address:

County:

Previous Address(es):

Childhood Home Address:

Last Seen:

Fill in this section after the person has gone missing.

Direction of Travel/Possible Destination:

Fill in this section after the person has gone missing.

Cellphone Number:

Cellphone Carrier:

Where they worked in the past:

Place of Current Employment (if applicable):

Places of Interest (favorite restaurants, parks, theaters, vacation spots):

Even if they lived in a different city/state, are there local addresses that match (i.e., 123 Main Street)?

Would they accept a ride from a stranger?

How easily does this person relate to strangers?

Family Pet(s) (type, name, dog or cat etc.):

Unique Information (Please enter any information that is unique about this person that could help investigators or searchers):

Medical Information

Do they have a diagnosis of dementia or cognitive impairment?

Alzheimer's Disease or Dementia: _____

Cognitive Impairment: _____

Medical Conditions or Special Needs:

Allergies:

Current Medications & Purpose:

Social Media Information

List All Known Social Media Accounts & Login Information:

List All Known Email(s) & Login Information:

Transportation Information

What Kind of Transportation Does This Person Use?

If They Drive, What's the Make, Model, and Color of the Vehicle:

License Plate Number:

State:

VIN:

Driver License Number:

State:

Does the Vehicle Have OnStar, Toyota Safety Connect, etc.? Yes No

List Any Identifying Items On The Vehicle:

Financial Information

Bank, Debit, Credit Card Number(s) and Contact Info:

Additional Information

Does this individual have any family/friends that live close by? If so, who and where?

Do they have an agency that provides care to them? If so, what is their contact information?

Do they have a guardianship or POA (Power of Attorney)? Yes No

Might the person be fearful or lash out if approached by law enforcement/first responder?

Do they have a sensitivity to lights, sound, or touch? How do they react?

What helps calm them?

How do they communicate best? (For example, with words, sign, pictures, or gestures?)

Can the person speak clearly? *Can they ask questions?* *Can they answer questions?*

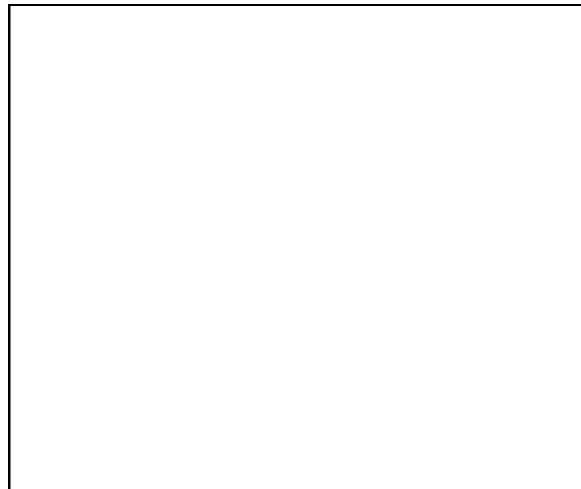
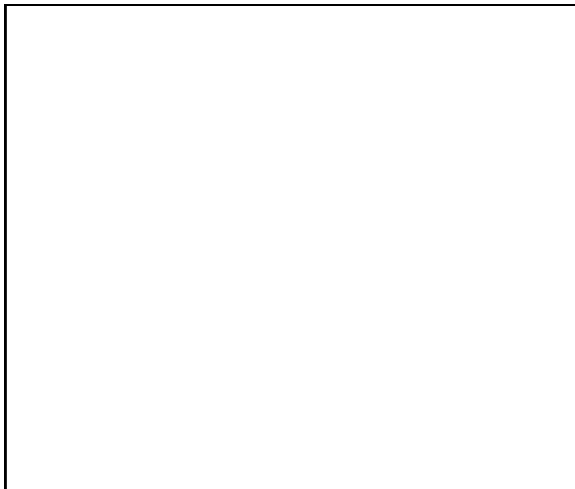
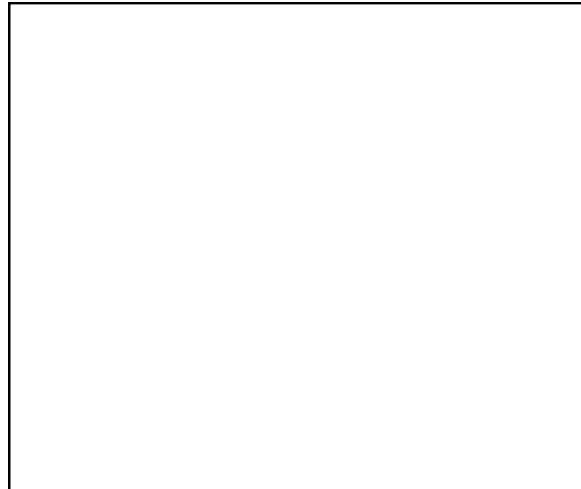
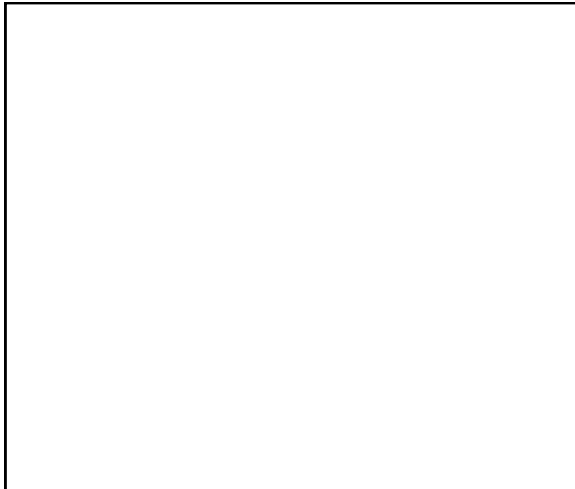
Do they have a “safe place” or somewhere they might hide?

Would they be more likely to go to a noisy place (like a mall)?

Or a quieter place (like the woods)?

Current Photographs

Please use high-quality, full face images that clearly show this person's image. Please consider also documenting the type of vehicle this individual operates.





**Wandering can happen any time, day or night.
6 out of 10 people with dementia will wander during the
course of their disease.**

Why do people living with dementia wander?

- They get disoriented while driving or walking and cannot figure out how to get home.
- They are looking for someone or something familiar.
- They are trying to get to a place they used to go, like work or school, or following old routines.
- They are trying to escape a noisy and chaotic environment with too much stimulation.
- They may be bored from a lack of stimulation.

People with dementia may also wander after a sudden change, for example, a move to a new house or assisted living.

Wandering Warning Signs:

- They may pace or appear to be anxious and agitated.
- They're concerned about going somewhere like work, to pick up children from school, or to the store.
- They search for something they believe to be lost.
- They ask about or look for people who may no longer be living.

Tips to prevent wandering:

- Provide plenty of activity during the day to avoid boredom and increase tiredness.
- Walk with them and attempt to redirect them to something else that they are able to do.
- Disguise doors with curtains, put "Do Not Enter" or stop signs on doors.
- Keep track of your loved one's specific triggers and avoid these triggers as much as possible.

**For more information, visit <https://nccmp.ncdps.gov/Silver>
or visit <https://lifecenterdavidson.com/silver-alert-resources>**

Wandering Preparation & Response



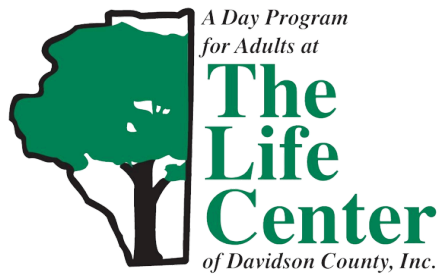
Wandering Preparation:

- Make a list of places your loved one may go. For instance, previous addresses, favorite parks or restaurants, and the homes of friends or family members. Keep track of specific triggers and avoid these triggers as much as possible.
- Install chimes or alarms on doors, as well as safety devices on door knobs.
- Place motion detector security cameras around the home.
- Keep an updated list of contacts in case of emergency.
- Alert neighbors and local authorities that your loved one has dementia and may get lost.
- Put location detection devices (i.e., Apple AirTags or Tiles) on keys, purses, dog collars, or anything they might take with them.
- Install tracking apps on your loved one's devices.
- Purchase MedicAlert bracelet and/or other identification jewelry.
- Attach sew-in or iron-on identification labels to your loved one's clothes. Encourage the use of a wallet with their identification information inside.

Wandering Response:

- Alert local authorities immediately to issue a Silver Alert.
- Notify emergency contacts.
- Keep your Silver Alert Kit accessible.
- Have someone check locations your loved one is most likely to go.
- Notify the community with your social media.
- Check location apps and tracking devices, though they may not have the device with them.
- When a Silver Alert is issued, local media will be asked to assist in locating the lost individual.

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When A Loved One is Missing ...

Questions caregivers may consider to assist in the search for their loved one:

1. Have you searched the immediate area?
2. Have you called law enforcement, completed a missing person's report, and discussed issuing a Silver Alert?

Next Steps:

- Which law enforcement department did you contact?

- What was the officer's name?

- Has the immediate area been searched thoroughly? Have all buildings, garages, and outside storage areas been searched?
- Have the neighbors been notified of the situation and asked if they have seen the missing person? Have you notified your emergency contacts?
- Are family members, friends, and neighbors available to help with the search? Have you asked them to check locations your loved one is most likely to go?
- Is there someone to stay by the phone to assist in the return of the missing person? Would it help to notify the community through your social media?
- Have you checked the location of their location devices/apps, such as Tiles, AirTags, and smart phones? Remember, they may not have the device with them.

Have you completed a Personal Profile Form and provided it to authorities?

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Where is the person likely to go?

1. Has the person been lost or wandered before? What happened then?
2. What are the environmental risks in the area (i.e. weather, woods, park, busy intersections, train tracks, bus stops)?
3. Is the person dressed appropriately for the weather and time of day?
4. Would the person go to a noisy place like the mall or a quiet place like the woods?
5. How easily does the person relate to strangers? Would they accept a ride from a stranger?
6. Where does the person like to go (present and past)?
7. Where did the person live in the past? Where is the person's childhood home? Are there addresses of previous homes that match local addresses?
8. Does the person have family or friends in another community that they may try to visit? Have other family members been notified?
9. Is there somewhere the person may try to hide?

What can the person do?

1. Can the person talk clearly? Ask questions? Answer questions?
2. Will the person recognize familiar landmarks?
3. Will the person know how to avoid dangers, such as inclement weather or water?
4. To what extent is the person disoriented? Can they tell the time and day of the week? Can they provide their address and identify their home? Can they provide their own name? Will they respond to a nickname or their maiden name?
5. Can the person drive a car, truck, or motorcycle? Can they use a bus or taxi?
6. Does the person have access to money, a checkbook, ATM card, or credit cards?
7. Does the person exhibit any problematic behaviors? Do they get agitated easily or violent towards others?

What are the person's special interests?

1. Does the person have a favorite place? Former favorite vacation spot?
2. Has the person talked often or recently about a certain place?
3. How comfortable would the person be entering a store, church, or other public building?
4. Any special interests or hobbies that might lead the person to a specific location?
5. What was the person's occupation? Where did the person work – specific addresses? Would the person try to return to a former place of employment?

Resources

To activate a Silver Alert:

North Carolina Center for Missing Persons
1-800-522-5437; 919-733-3557
919-715-1682 fax

www.nccrimecontrol.org

To activate calls to immediate area:

A Child is Missing Alert 1-888-875-2246 954-
763-4569 fax

www.achildissinging.org

If missing is age 21 or younger:

National Center for Missing and Exploited
Children 1-800-843-5678

www.ncmec.org

North Carolina's



Program

To protect the individual's privacy and conform with federal law, law enforcement agencies, and Center, staff must be careful not to release any health information other than the missing person is believed to be suffering from dementia or other cognitive impairments.

Once the missing person has been located, local law enforcement will notify the NC Center for Missing Persons, who will cancel the Silver Alert and notify the local media.

*A system to quickly notify
the public about missing
endangered adults that
suffer from dementia or other
cognitive impairments*

**ONLY a law enforcement agency can
request activation of a Silver Alert.**

**ONLY the North Carolina Center
for Missing Persons can activate a
Silver Alert.**

North Carolina Center for Missing Persons
Department of Crime Control & Public Safety



NC Center for Missing Persons

1-800-522-5437

What is Silver Alert?

Silver Alert is a system to quickly notify the public about missing endangered adults that suffer from dementia or other cognitive impairment. Since adults with these mental ailments often become confused and disoriented, it is imperative that they are found quickly and returned to their caregivers.

Developed in 2007, the program is a cooperative effort among local and state law enforcement and the N.C. Center for Missing Persons, with voluntary participation by radio and television broadcasters and the N.C. Department of Transportation. The Silver Alert program is based on the Cognitive Impairment Assistance Law that passed in August 2007 and builds upon the success of the state's AMBER Alert system. While North Carolina's "Silver Alert" program criteria is unique, two other states have similar programs.

What are the criteria?

The North Carolina Center for Missing Persons is the only agency that can activate a Silver Alert and will do so only at the request of an investigating law enforcement agency. It is then the responsibility of the Center to determine whether there is sufficient identifying data to justify activating the Silver Alert system.

To activate a Silver Alert, ALL of the following statutory criteria must be met:

- The person is believed to be suffering from dementia or other cognitive impairment
- The person is believed to be missing –regardless of circumstance
- A legal custodian of the missing person has submitted a missing person's report to the local law enforcement agency where the person went missing
- Law enforcement reports the incident to the NC Center for Missing Persons

How does it work?

The investigating local law enforcement agency and the Center for Missing Persons work together to notify the surrounding community and media about the missing endangered person.

Role of Local Law Enforcement:

After completing the investigation and determining the case meets the qualifying criteria, law enforcement will:

1. Notify the NC Center for Missing Persons
2. Send the completed Silver Alert forms to the Center
3. Enter information into the National Criminal Information Center
4. Initiate a statewide "be on the lookout" bulletin to all law enforcement
5. Provide a 24-hour phone number to receive calls while continuing the investigation
6. Call "A Child is Missing Alert" to activate about 1,000 calls/minute to residents and businesses in the immediate area (if the person has walked away)
7. Notify the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (if the person is under 21)

Role of the NC Center for Missing Persons:

After contacted by law enforcement, the Center will:

1. Request the NCDOT to activate electronic highway signs (if appropriate)
2. Update information on the department website – www.nccrimecontrol.org
3. Send information and available photos to the media