

Wandering-Alzheimer's Disease

When wandering occurs in Alzheimer's Disease it may be important to enroll the person with AD into the Safe Return Program sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association and Medic Alert.

(www.alz.org/safetycenter/we_can_help_safety_medicalert_safereturn.asp).

This program provides 24-hour nationwide emergency response service for individuals with AD or related dementias who wander or have a medical emergency. Enrollment can be done online or by calling 1-888-572-8566. For a minimal charge the person with AD receives identification jewelry – either a bracelet or a pendant inscribed with the individual's personalized information. An optional service available at an additional cost is ID jewelry for the primary caregiver to alert others that he or she provides care for a MedicAlert & Safe Return member in case of an emergency.