

# Resources

American Red Cross North Central Florida Chapter  
<http://www.redcross.org/fl/gainesville>  
(352) 376-4669

The Autism Project  
<http://www.theautismproject.org/educational-info/autism-safety-and-awareness-resources>  
(401) 785-2666

Autism Risk & Safety Management  
<http://www.autismriskmanagement.com>  
(772) 398-9756

Autism Safety Project  
<http://www.autismspeaks.org/family-services/autism-safety-project>  
(888) 288-4762

AWAARE Collaboration  
<http://awaare.nationalautismassociation.org>  
(877) 622-2884

Project LifeSaver  
<http://www.projectlifesaver.org>  
(888) 517-5139

Waterproof FL  
<http://www.floridahealth.gov/alternatesites/waterprooffl/index.html>  
(877) 362-5033

Representatives from the following organizations were present at the Autism & Safety Awareness Day held on November 22, 2014 at Kiwanis Safety City in Gainesville, Florida:

- Alachua County Fire Rescue
- Gainesville Police Department
- University of Florida Police Department
- Swim America
- Aquabilities
- Project Lifesaver
- Triloc
- Let's Go Socialization & Playgroup



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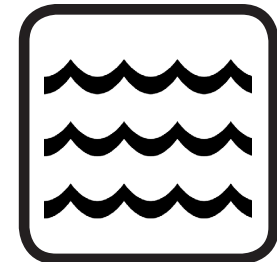
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# Autism & Safety Awareness



FIRE



WATER



WANDERING

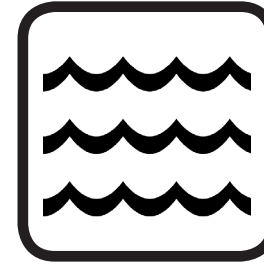
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and Related Disabilities  
UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA

# Are you up to **SPEED** on safety?



## FIRE

*Adults with autism are just as likely to hide, like children, in a fire situation.*  
-Autism Speaks



## WATER

*Drowning is among the leading causes of death of individuals with autism.*  
-National Autism Association



## WANDERING

*~48% of children with autism attempt to wander away from a safe environment.*  
-Interactive Autism Network

## **S**UPERVISION

**This is the most important prevention measure!**  
Talk to your child's school about what plans and policies they have in place to ensure adequate supervision. \*<http://bit.ly/1vdsgB5>

## **P**ROTECTION

Test fire alarms in your home regularly and replace batteries 2x/year.  
\*<http://1.usa.gov/1CTgNr1>

Install locks, gates, and door alarms in your home.  
\*<http://bit.ly/1qILmIH>

Look into GPS trackers and place "STOP" signs on doors.  
\*<http://bit.ly/1q04CXb>

## **E**DUCTION

Make sure all family members are aware of your fire escape plan.  
\*<http://bit.ly/192mLuU>

Get swim lessons for your loved one with autism.  
Take CPR classes.  
\*<http://bit.ly/1dsEzLd>

Teach your child about "Stranger Danger".  
\*<http://bit.ly/1oNhA3V>

## **E**MERGENCY

Develop an emergency plan.  
Share it with family members, neighbors, and emergency personnel.  
\*<http://bit.ly/1uIIMyF>

## **D**ILIGENCE

Make safety part of your daily routine!  
Read tips from other parents: <http://bit.ly/116PoDK>  
Join the Autism Risk and Safety Management mailing list: \*<http://bit.ly/1v9Sh4N>

*\*Type the shortened URLs in your browser window for access to relevant resources.*