

THINGS YOU CAN DO TO PREVENT WANDERING/ELOPING

Elopement or wandering is a serious issue that affects approximately half of all children with autism. As parents, we often don't know what we need to safeguard until our child gets out! Here are a few safeguards you can put in place today.



Master Key the House

Decide which doors you don't want your child to open and then hire a locksmith to master key all of those locks. Then you'll just need one key to open them all.



Change deadbolt switch to keys

Most deadbolts are designed to keep intruders out, not people in. From the inside, these locks are easy to unlock. Have a locksmith key it from the inside as well.



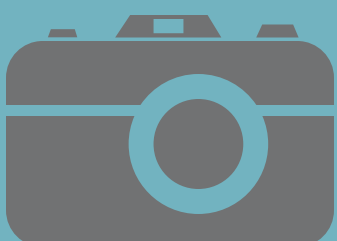
Keep the Key Close

Once locked, take the key out of the door and use a bracelet keychain or lanyard so you can wear the key. This way, if there is a fire, or need to get out, you can do so quickly.



Use Alarms

Use door alarms or alert systems to let you know when someone is on the move. Security systems often have an option to notify you with a beep when a door or window is opened.



Video Cameras

Portable wifi cameras and video baby monitors are a less expensive way to see what your child is doing when left alone in their room. Many have night vision and connect to your phone.