

Wanderer's Identification Program

The Alzheimer's Family Organization (AFO) has a joint program with various Sheriff's Departments to help identify and quickly return wandering memory-impaired persons to their homes. Numerous cases of lost persons are reported in several counties each year and hundreds more are believed to go unreported. Recognizing that the problem is expected to grow as our population ages, the AFO offers this registry for patients who suffer from memory disorders and have a tendency to wander away.

This program requires the use of an I.D. bracelet or pendant that has been engraved with the patient's first name and nickname, a code number, the words "Memory Impaired" and a central telephone number for the Sheriff's Department. The code number, together with other patient information, is registered on computers maintained by the AFO and by the appropriate Sheriff's Department.

The Wanderer's Identification Program is in effect seven days a week, 24 hours a day. The bracelet or pendant permits authorities to identify people who are confused, and reunite them with their families. Being able to look at a bracelet or pendant, make a phone call, and immediately return a lost person to his or her home, greatly decreases the trauma to patient and caregiver and saves police authorities valuable effort. Thus, in emergencies, the large number of persons suffering from memory disorders are protected and caregivers are relieved of much of their anxiety.

Prepare for the unexpected and don't postpone this application! Even if your loved one isn't prone to wandering, a person with a memory disorder can become lost in a public place or separated from you during a natural disaster. Easily identifying your loved one can save their life!

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Application/Authorization Form

The undersigned caregiver, individually and on behalf of the named patient, hereby authorizes the Sheriff's Office to use the information provided for the Wanderer's Identification Program as necessary; and further releases the Sheriff's Office and the Alzheimer's Family Organization from any and all liability for any act or omission while acting on behalf of the Wanderer's Identification Program.

Caregiver's Signature _____

1. Patient Information

County of Residence _____

Name _____ Nickname _____
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Height _____ Weight _____ Race _____ Sex ☐ Male ☐ Female Hair Color _____ Eye Color _____

Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____ City/County/State of Birth _____

Distinguishing Features _____

2. Caregiver Information

Caregiver's Name _____ Relationship to Patient _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Work Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

Email Address _____

3. Backup Contact Information

Name _____ Relationship to Patient _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Work Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____

4. Doctor's Information

Name _____ Telephone (____) _____

5. Identification Choice

☐ Bracelet ☐ Pendant Application Date ____ / ____ / ____

This program is free to our members.

**Non-members please include
\$30.00 to cover costs.**

To Sign Up For The Registry

A. To Register

Complete and mail the application to Alzheimer's Family Organization (AFO).

B. What Your Organization Does

1. All the information on your application is placed in the AFO registry. Data for the Alzheimer's patient is provided to your law enforcement agency for computer identification.
2. The bracelet or pendant, engraved as indicated on the order form, will be shipped to you within seven to ten days.

C. What The Caregiver Does

1. Have your patient wear the bracelet/pendant at all times.
2. If the patient should wander off and cannot be found, file a missing person report with the local authorities.

D. To Report Locating A Person Wearing The Bracelet Or Pendant

1. Call the Sheriff's Department telephone number engraved on the bracelet or pendant. Give the name and code number on the bracelet or pendant.
2. The code number will enable the Sheriff's Department to identify the patient and assist in the prompt and safe return of the patient to the responsible caregiver.