TEXAS CENTER FOR THE MISSING

TIPS FOR CAREGIVERS OF WANDERERS

Bringing hope and healing to the missing and their families through crisis intervention, prevention, and community education.

Tips to Aid Recovery

Wardrobe: Make a habit of your loved one dressing in bright shirts such as orange, yellow, or neon colors so that searchers can easily spot him/her.

Project Lifesaver: Ask your local law enforcement agency if they have a Project Lifesaver Program so you can pre-register your loved one as diagnosed with dementia.

ID or "Dog Tags" *(especially with vets)*: A few law enforcement recommended providers are:

- Medic Alert
- Alzheimer's Association Safe Return

Tracking Devices: A few law enforcement recommended providers are:

- Air Tags
- Cell Carrier Devices
- Comfort Zone
- LoJack SafetyNet
- Project Lifesaver

Resources for Caregivers

Alzheimer's Association - Houston & Southeast Texas Chapter: A resource for families.

- www.alz.org
- 713.314.1313
- Support Groups: Early Stage Peer Group, Caregiver Support Groups, Multi-Language Options
- Care Consultation: Care Consultation is a service that can help you and your family develop a road map to navigate through the many thoughts, emotions, and questions you may have about memory loss and dementia. Care Consultation can be useful whether you or someone you love has just been diagnosed, or if you and your family are seeing things from different perspectives and perhaps feeling overwhelmed. You will receive valuable one-to-one assistance that will enable you to better understand the disease, manage the symptoms of dementia and cope better with the disease.

Tools for Deterrence

- Door Alarms: Audible alarm to alert caretaker of person entering or exiting the premises
- Memory Books: Picture books of life to calm and help remember
- "The Alzheimer's Store": Extensive list of products to assist with deterrence and caregiving www.alzstore.com
- Texas Center for the Missing: Tracking and technology tools available for qualifying individuals. Contact support@tcftm.org or 832.269.2553.