

PREPARE

Contact your local police department. Share information:

- Where your child might go
- If he is verbal / non-verbal
- If she is violent
- If he is afraid of the police

Schedule a visit

- Make an appointment to visit your local police station, or for your local officers to visit your home.

Put medical info on your fridge

- Police & fire are trained to check your refrigerator when responding to a call
- Include diagnoses & medications



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Get a medical alert bracelet

- Bracelets are available free of charge from three places:

Phoenix PD: medicalert.org/autism

Mesa PD: mesaaz.gov/residents/police/departments-divisions/crisis-intervention-team

DDD: Ask your service coordinator or call 844.770.9500

- Teach your child to point to her medical alert bracelet if she needs to deal with the police

Create safety goals

- Include home, school & community
- Goals might include:
 - Learn how to call / text 911 (Home)
 - Successfully participate in a lock down drill / fire drill (School)
 - Learn how to keep hands out of pockets in case of a police encounter. (Community)
- Children can use therapies, including ABA, to meet their safety goals

Register your cell phone with the Community Emergency Notification System (CENS)

- Go to 911alertsyou.com or maricoparegion911.org
- This system is a “reverse 911” that will alert you in the event of a local emergency

CALLING 911

If your child with autism is missing, call 911 immediately

- Do not wait, and do not be embarrassed

If your child becomes violent, ask for the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) to respond

- Give as much information as possible
- Include diagnoses, medications, and if your child is verbal / non-verbal

If your child is in Behavioral Health, make sure you have a Crisis Plan in writing, and follow it

- Calling 911 is not a sufficient Crisis Plan

