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: medicalalert.org/autism
  Mesa PD: mesaaaz.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