

Drowning is a leading cause of death for children who wander.
Work through each step together.

Water Safety Plan for Kids Who Wander

1 Map every water hazard within 10 minutes of home

Pools, ponds, retention basins, drainage ditches, fountains. Note the location and who to contact.

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2 Meet the pool owners

Introduce your child to neighbors with pools. Ask them to keep gates locked, and ask whether they have **four-sided fencing** and a **gate or pool alarm**.

3 Enroll in adapted swim lessons

Programs like **Angelfish Therapy** and **SafeSplash** teach swimming to kids with autism at their own pace.

NEAREST PROGRAM _____

4 Install pool and door alarms

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| ☐ Door & window alarms | ☐ Gate latch alarm |
| ☐ Surface wave / floating alarm | ☐ Wearable / wristband alarm |

5 Brief your first responders

READ THIS TO 911 & LOCAL RESPONDERS

“My child has _____, is attracted to water, and may not respond to their name. Check water first.”