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Give a letter like this sample letter to trusted neighbors to inform them of your child with autism's tendency to wander.

We have a child with autism. A	About half of children with	autism have a tendency to wan	der from safety.
We watch our child very carefเ	ully, but sometimes he/she	unpredictably wanders away fr	om safety.
Our child's name is		He/she is	years old as o
today,	He/she is	tall and weighs about	lbs.
He/she usually wears			
WHAT TO DO?			
We kindly ask if you see our ch	ild alone, please stay with	him/her and immediately call:	
	We are probably alread	ly looking for him/her. Please al	so call 911 and tell
them that you have found our	child.		
Our child,	, does not spe	ak very well and does not unde	rstand danger.
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