Home Safety Checklist

Small changes at home can prevent wandering, falls and other emergencies at any age. Walk through your home with this list and check off what you have in place.

Doors and Exits

- ☐ Chimes or alarms on outside doors
- ☐ Locks placed higher or lower than eye level
- ☐ Everyone can still get out fast in a fire
- ☐ Car keys and garage openers hidden
- ☐ Motion-sensor lights outside entrances

Outside the Home

- ☐ Pool, pond or hot tub fenced and gated
- ☐ Gate latches out of easy reach
- ☐ Yard checked for gaps in fencing
- ☐ House number easy to see from the street
- ☐ Neighbors know who may wander

Preventing Falls

- ☐ Night lights in halls and bathroom
- ☐ Rugs secured or removed
- ☐ Grab bars by the toilet and shower
- ☐ Clear paths with no cords or clutter
- ☐ Handrails on both sides of stairs

Fire and Hazards

- ☐ Stove knobs removed or auto shut-off
- ☐ Smoke and CO alarms tested monthly
- ☐ Medications and chemicals locked up
- ☐ Firearms locked and unloaded, ammunition stored separately
- ☐ Tools and sharp objects put away

Be Ready if Someone Wanders

- ☐ A current photo taken in the last 6 months
- ☐ S.A.V.E.S Project ID card, lanyard tag or QR sticker on everyday items
- ☐ Wandering Profile done in CONNECT
- ☐ Home Responder Sheet on the fridge
- ☐ List of former homes and favorite places

Not sure where to start? Begin with outside doors and nearby water, the biggest risks for someone who wanders. Then work through the rest a little at a time.