

## FACTS:

- Autism is the fastest growing serious developmental disability in the U.S. (autismspeaks.org)
- Autism prevalence figures are growing and now affects 1 in 88 children and 1 in 54 boys. (autismspeaks.org)
- In a recent National Autism Association online survey, 92% of respondents said their autistic child was at risk of wandering. (www.lojack.com)
- There are more than 400,000 people living with Down syndrome in the United States. (www.ndss.org)
- Although Alzheimer's Disease is not a normal part of aging, the risk of developing the illness rises with advanced age. Current research from the National Institute on Aging indicates that the prevalence of Alzheimer's Disease doubles every five years beyond age 65. (www.alzfdn.org)
- It is estimated that about a half million Americans younger than age 65 have some sort of dementia, including Alzheimer's Disease. This is referred to as young onset or early onset. (www.alzfdn.org)
- There is no way to predict who will become lost or when it will happen; the best approach is to be prepared.

## Communities Can Support Help Me Home Registrants

In some cases, even a modest \$20 registration fee may present an obstacle to registration for those that do not have the financial resources to participate but need to be protected.

To find out how you or your organization can support our program, please call (503) 846-6048.

Donations are tax deductible and can be mailed to:

Washington County  
Sheriff's Office Foundation:  
Help Me Home  
215 SW Adams Ave, MS 32  
Hillsboro, OR 97123

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**Help me  
Home** 

## Endangered Person Registry



*A proactive approach to serving at risk or endangered residents living in Washington County who may become lost and have difficulty communicating vital information about themselves.*



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## HELP ME HOME PROGRAM



Your Sheriff's Office now offers the **Help Me Home** program to help us better serve at risk or endangered residents living in Washington County who are found but have difficulty communicating vital information such as their name, current address or phone number.

Often these individuals have left the safety of their homes without the knowledge of their caregiver.



**Help Me Home** is a voluntary enrollment program for adults and children who may become lost due to a disability. Those who are registered in this program have their identification photo and pertinent information placed in a database that deputies and law enforcement personnel can access via laptops in their patrol cruisers. Registrant information is kept confidential.

When a deputy or police officer finds your loved one alone, they can quickly query the database using personal identifiers.

With a match in the **Help Me Home** database, caregivers will be contacted immediately to let them know their loved one has been located.

While managed by your Sheriff's Office, this system will be accessible by law enforcement agencies throughout Washington County.



## ENROLLMENT.....

Simply deliver or mail a completed registration form with a passport type photo and a \$20 check made payable to Washington County Sheriff's Office. Program registration will be in effect for two years, but information must be updated as needed to stay current.

For detailed application information and forms, go to the Help Me Home website at:

[www.co.washington.or.us/helpmehome](http://www.co.washington.or.us/helpmehome)

or contact

Marcia Langer at (503) 846-6048  
[marcia\\_langer@co.washington.or.us](mailto:marcia_langer@co.washington.or.us)

## EMERGENCY RESPONSE.....

If a Help Me Home registrant is found alone by law enforcement and needs help, deputies or officers will search the Help Me Home database.

## CALL 911 IF THE PERSON IS MISSING .....

If the registered person is missing, it is never too soon to call 9-1-1, especially if they are disabled or at risk.

Be sure to inform the 9-1-1 dispatch operator and police the missing person is registered in the Help Me Home program. This will speed our access to critical information and the photo!

## SAFELY HOME...

