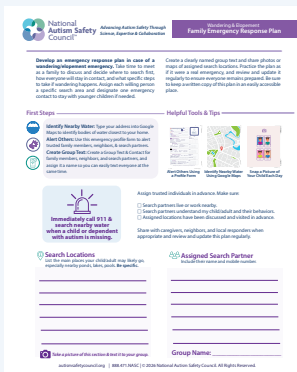




## Be prepared for an emergency. Identify nearby water ahead of time.

Because many autistic children and dependents are attracted to water, it's important to identify and document nearby water locations. This will help adults, caregivers, and first responders know where to look first, instead of searching randomly. **Planning in advance reduces panic and supports faster, more organized action.**



This Family Emergency Response Plan is available at [autismsafetycouncil.org](http://autismsafetycouncil.org), or write to [info@autismsafetycouncil.org](mailto:info@autismsafetycouncil.org)

- **Google your home address** and any other places your child/dependent regularly visits, such as school, relatives' homes, or vacation rentals.
- **Identify nearby water sources**, such as ponds, canals, lakes, or retention basins near each address. **Pools may not appear on the map**, so document any nearby locations that have a pool, such as a neighbor's house. You can also lean on city planners to help provide this information.
- **Include this information in your emergency plan**, and share it with helpers and emergency responders.
- **Search the closest water location first** (whether it's a pond or pool), if your autistic child or dependent is ever missing.

