

Is My Loved One at Risk for Wandering or Becoming Lost?

TEST RESULTS:

0 “Yes” responses =

Lower risk factor – monitor for changes.

1 - 4 “Yes” responses =

Low to moderate risk – Register for Safe Return.

5 - 8 “Yes” responses =

Moderate risk – Register for Safe Return. Be sure exits are secured. Simple chain locks or child locks can be effective.

9 - 12 “Yes” responses =

Moderate to high risk – Constant companion suggested. Register for Safe Return.

13 - 18 “Yes” responses =

High risk for elopement – Use of motion sensor alarms at all exits recommended. Notify neighbors of potential wandering. Register for Safe Return.

Register your loved one today.



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The following test will help identify “red flags” that precipitate wandering among memory-impaired individuals. Answer the following questions to determine the risk factor.

Nutrition/Dietary Needs

Has had some weight loss or eating concerns over the past 6 months.

Yes No

Often forgets having eaten and requests meals at “off times”.

Yes No

Behavioral or Anxiety Issues

Has displayed behavior issues or shown anxiety at least once in the past 30 days (e.g. verbal outbursts, anger, aggression). Seems sensitive to loud sound or commotion.

Yes No

Currently taking one or more medications for anxiety or behavior.

Yes No

Activity/Interests

Requires encouragement and assistance in order to participate in any activity.

Yes No

Short attention span and has begun to avoid activity they once enjoyed or becomes restless throughout the day.

Yes No

Sleep Patterns

Is awake during the night. May get out of bed or leave bedroom but is easily redirected to bed.

Yes No

Is up during the night and has increased confusion. Difficult to redirect back to bed.

Yes No *

Dressing

Shows poor judgement. Layers clothing or wears clothing inappropriate for weather.

Yes No

Resistive to changing clothing.

Wears same items over and over. Becomes upset when approached to change.

Yes No

Hygiene/Bathing

Becomes resistive (verbally or physically) when the issue of bathing is approached.

Yes No

Personal appearance and hygiene are offensive.

Refuses assistance with hygiene and bathing.

Yes No

Wandering Risk Factor

Becomes disoriented and speaks often of wanting to “go home” or “needs to find...” (e.g. mother; child; spouse; work).

Yes No

Displays poor judgement and has left the house unsupervised on at least one occasion or has made multiple attempts to leave the house.

Yes No *

Long Term Memory

Occasionally forgets immediate family members by name or misunderstands family relationships. (e.g. Thinks daughter is mother)

Yes No

Difficulty recognizing familiar places.

May look for loved ones no longer living or calls immediate family by wrong names.

Yes No *

Recent Changes

Has experienced changes in environment within the past year. (e.g. Loss of home, car, spouse)

Yes No

Has experienced changes in environment within past 3 - 6 months.

Yes No