



Safe Return for Victims of Alzheimer's

Alzheimer's disease (AD), the most common form of dementia, is a progressive degenerative disease that attacks the brain, resulting in impaired memory, thinking and behavior. Over 4.5 million people in the United States are afflicted with AD. An estimated one of every ten people over 65, and one in two over 85, are impacted by AD.

Six out of 10 people with Alzheimer's will wander. This very dangerous and often life threatening event has led to the development of the Safe Return® program.

Alzheimer's Association Safe Return® is a nationwide identification, support and enrollment program. It provides assistance when a person with Alzheimer's or dementia wanders and becomes lost.

Assistance is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. If an enrollee is missing, one call immediately activates a community support network to help reunite the lost person with his or her caregiver.

Safe Return faxes the enrolled person's information and photo (if provided) to local law enforcement. When the person is found, a citizen or law official calls the 800-number on the identification bracelet and Safe Return notifies listed contacts. The nearest Alzheimer's Association office provides information and support during the search and rescue efforts.

For more information on the Safe Return® program, contact the Alzheimer's Association at 1-888-572-8566 or www.alz.org/safereturn.