

Do you know of any pools or other large bodies of water within the neighborhood?

Is there a friend/family member within the community that the individual spends time with?

Is there a place (park, restaurants, shopping center) the individual likes to visit?

Does the individual have a special interest? (Trains, Pokemon Cards...leads to where they might go...train station, Target for new cards, etc.)

Is there a place the individual likes to hide?



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Have a question about autism?  
Contact the ASERT Resource Center at **877-231-4244.**

To learn more about autism services in Philadelphia, contact Community Behavioral Health Member Services at **(888) 545-2600.**

## Questions to Ask if an Individual with Autism is Missing

A Resource for Police Officers



Is the individual verbal?	Is there a history of bullying and where has the individual gone in the past when they have been bullied?	Did you ever go over an emergency plan with them and what is it?
Does the individual respond when their name is called?		What is the best way to talk with the individual when we find them?
Does the individual use a communication device?	Do the neighbors know the individual and have you checked with them already?	Is the individual employed? - Have they been employed in the past? - Where were they employed?
Does the individual recognize dangerous situations?	How does the individual travel? (walk, bike, car, subway, etc.)	
Will search dogs scare the individual?	Do they have a cell phone or know how to use one?	
Is the individual bothered by loud noises? (sirens, megaphone, helicopter, etc.)	Does the individual have any type of autism identifier? (like ID bracelet or card)	
Does the individual have any sensory issues? (bothered by loud noises, bright lights, etc.)		