



AUTISM 911 ALERT FORM

The prevalence of autism in the United States has increased 178 percent since 2000.

In New Jersey, 1 in 34 children born are diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

Members of the autism community have far more encounters with police, fire and EMS than others might. First responders in these situations may face the challenge of recognizing ASD, understanding effective communication methods and acquiring vital medical information needed to care for these individuals. Forty-nine percent of individuals with ASD wander and go missing during their lives.

With all the risks individuals with ASD face, having a database that first responders can access quickly is crucial for their safety. This form will be kept secure in our 911 database, where it will be linked to the residential address provided. In the event of a call for service, responders will be provided the critical information needed for each specific situation, including a description of the individual, best communication method, likes and dislikes, emergency contact, possible locations they may wander to, and any pertinent medical information.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

- Forms will be uploaded to a secure emergency services computer server and will only be accessed during an emergency.
- Information aids first responders in identifying and interacting with individuals with unique needs during emergency situations.
- Provides emergency contacts for caregivers.
- Form should be updated yearly to reflect changes in the individual's appearance and update any other information.
- Participation in the program will help keep your loved ones protected and understood in crucial moments.

Scan the QR code or follow the link to fill out the form.
[Autism Alert Form \(ridgewoodnj.net\)](https://ridgewoodnj.net)
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