

What is Alzheimer's disease?

Alzheimer's disease is a degenerative brain disorder that destroys vital brain cells. Symptoms include loss of memory, judgment and reasoning and changes in mood and behaviour. It most often occurs in people over 65, but can affect adults at an earlier age. It is not a normal part of aging. Therefore, it is important to see a doctor if any of the above mentioned symptoms occur.

The Alzheimer Society

The Alzheimer Society is a not-for-profit health organization dedicated to helping people affected by Alzheimer's disease.

For more information on Safely Home®, including the registration form, contact your local Alzheimer Society, visit our website at www.safelyhome.ca or call 1-800-616-8816.

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People with Alzheimer's disease sometimes lose the ability to recognize familiar places, to communicate or to remember their own name or address. They may leave home, become confused and get lost. This can be dangerous for people with the disease and worrisome for families and caregivers. But there is help.

Safely Home® is a nationwide program designed to help find the person who is lost and assist in a safe return home.

Developed by the Alzheimer Society of Canada in partnership with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, a registry stores vital information confidentially on a police database. The information can be accessed by police anywhere in Canada.

How does Safely Home® work?

When a member of Safely Home® goes missing... the caregiver calls the local police. Accessing the computer database, the police will find pertinent information about the member including personal history, physical characteristics and locations where the person is known to visit. It is important for caregivers to keep an up-to-date photo of the member on hand.

When a member is found... the police use the identification number from the person's ID bracelet to search the computer database. They determine where the person lives and whom to contact, and ensure that the person is returned safely home.

How do I register?

Registration is voluntary. Simply contact the Alzheimer Society*. For a one-time fee of \$35, the member will receive an **identification bracelet and identification cards**. Wearing the bracelet and keeping the cards in places such as wallets and coat pockets aid in quickly identifying people should they become lost. The Alzheimer Society will update the member's file on request.

The front of the bracelet reads:

Urgent See Other Side

The back of the bracelet shows the **ID number** and **person's first name** and reads:

Memory Loss Call Police

* Online registration is available as of November 2008 at www.safelyhome.ca.



More information

When you register, you will also receive a handbook with helpful information including:

- how to identify people who are at risk of leaving home and becoming lost
- how to adapt the environment to prevent someone from leaving home and becoming lost
- procedures to follow should someone go missing