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Dear Triumph ABA Parents,

When it comes to children with autism, safety is not just important — it's essential. Many children with ASD are prone to elopement, have difficulty responding to verbal commands, or may struggle with understanding danger. That's why proactive safety strategies can't wait for an emergency. They need to be embedded into everyday life — calmly, clear-

This month, we're sharing practical tools that help build safety awareness in and out of the home. From wearable tech to simple scripts and social stories, it's all about giving children confidence — and giving parents peace of mind.





Use Visual Safety Rules

Create simple posters or laminated cue cards that show rules like "Stop," "Wait," or "Stay with Grown-Up." Place them by doors, stoves, or gates — and teach them like any other life skill.

Practice 'What If' Drills

Role-play scenarios like "What to do if you get lost" or "What to say if someone you don't know talks to you." Keep it short, repeat often, and celebrate when they remember the script.

Invest in Wearable ID

Consider medical ID bracelets or GPS-enabled wristbands with your child's name and emergency contact. Brands like AngelSense or Jiobit allow parents to track location in real time.

Set Up Safety Zones

Use physical markers (tape lines, rugs, or cones) to define boundaries —
especially near doorways, driveways, or pools. Many children respect visual cues
more than verbal instructions alone.

Create and Rehearse Social Stories

Use tools like LessonPix or Boardmaker to illustrate stories about safe behaviors, like waiting at crosswalks, asking for help, or staying seated on the bus.





TO CHECK OUT

My Body Belongs to Me by Jill Starishevsky

Teach Your Child to Handle Emergencies by Denise Burt I Can Be Safe by Pat Thomas

The Safe Child Book by Sherryll Kerns Kraizer Elopement and Wandering A Parent's Guide (NAA)

Quote of the month:

When we can talk about our feelings, they become less overwhelming, less upsetting, and less scary.

- Fred Rogers

