# **GPS/Locator Product Guide**



Nearly 50% of all individuals with autism will go missing at some point during their lifetime. The products in this guide are considered to be some of the best available at this time and are designed to provide warning and/or help to identify the location of individuals who have wandered away. Some are perimeter-based to help prevent wandering before it happens, and some use tracking and locating technology that can find the missing adult or child. You may want to consider a combination of devices.



## Project Lifesaver www.projectlifesaver.org

Project Lifesaver is a national program that uses radio technology to help locate missing persons. Participants wear a bracelet, equipped with a transmitter, which can aid specially trained Law Enforcement Officers in locating them once reported missing. The success rate is 100% nationwide. Note: if you live in an area which is not currently served by Project Lifesaver, you can purchase all the required equipment on your own.



### Jiobit www.jiobit.com/

This is the smallest, long-lasting, real-time location tracker designed to keep up with your child, no matter how far they wander. It uses a combination of Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, cellular, and GPS.



#### Angelsense www.angelsense.com

Anglesense is a small device that functions as a GPS tracker and is attached to the individual's clothing. The device operates via a mobile app and is one of the best options available.



#### Pocket Finder pocketfinder.com

This device helps you quickly locate, monitor, and track your loved one with the push of a button. Using the online portal or the mobile app, you will be able to see where your child is on Google Maps  $^{\text{\tiny M}}$  and receive alerts whenever they arrive in or leave any of the unlimited number of custom geo-fence zones you create. The product has mixed reviews.

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#### Gizmo Watch www.verizonwireless.com

Available from Verizon, the Gizmo Watch provides automated alerts and a GPS locater to encourage independence while maintaining safety. The device has some great extras including a step tracker, on-screen notifications, and it's programable for 2-way voice calls and messaging for up to 10 trusted contacts.



## **Buddy Tag www.buddytag.com**

Buddy Tag is not a GPS tracking device but rather an affordable safety device that uses Bluetooth technology. Buddy Tag will alert you when your child has wandered out of your proximity through the smartphone app. Battery life should last a year when purchased directly from the company. They have great customer service and support.



## **Tracking/Locating Apps**

There are many great tracking/locating apps for both Android and iOS such as Life360. These apps are updated often so make sure to do some research to get the most current information. In addition, every phone carrier has a family locator option for a monthly nominal fee, which will track and locate the individual's phone.



#### Window/Door Alarms

GE Security Wireless Alarm Kits are widely available at Walmart, Lowes, and online. GE is the only manufacturer recommended by POAC. Any family who in need of any of the above devices should also secure their home with these alarms.

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