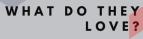
## Questions to Turbocharge Your Missing Person Search

Autistic individuals rarely "wander" aimlessly. They have a goal, destination, or purpose- even if they can't communicate it.





ERIC IS
ACTIVE AND
SENSORYSEEKING

"Eric loves bacon, trampolines, riding his hoverboard, going to the park, his grandparents, and shopping in the mall."

WHAT DO TH<mark>EY</mark> HATE?



"Eric hates crying babies, barking dogs, feeling hot, and waiting. He is very impatient."

WHAT WAS THE PLAN?



 "First we were going to finish breakfast.

- · Then chores.
- Then go to the park.
- Then visit his grandma."

DID SOMETHING NOVEL HAPPEN?

"Now that you mention it, our neighbor's dog started barking really aggressively right before Eric disappeared."

START HERE

- Quiet places where Eric could escape the noise of the barking dog (closets, parked cars, etc.).
- Parks, malls, stores.
- Route to grandma's house or inside mom's car (excited for the next step in the day's plan).



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## THE FIRST 30 SECONDS

4 CRITICAL DETAILS TO DETERMINE FIRST

When an autistic individual is reported missing





Are they dressed appropriately for the weather?

- Coat?
- Shoes?
- Will they keep them on?

## How do they communicate?

- Verbal?
- Assistive Communication Device?





Do they understand danger?

- Water?
- Heat/Cold?
- Heights?
- Strangers?
- Traffic?

Will they understand they are lost?

- Seek help?
- Fear discipline?

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