

Ideas for Parents

1. If you belong to an autism group or organisation, you could arrange for a police officer to talk to your group.
2. Information for the police if your child goes missing. As seen on the DVD, the police need to know:

Your child's age, hair colour, height and weight.
What your child was wearing.
When and where they went missing.
Where they might be going (e.g. a favourite place).
Communication Tips. How to talk to your child (name, interests etc).
3. If you have a 'difficult to control' autistic teenager, it might be beneficial to build a relationship with the police. You could contact the local Youth Education Officers and explain to them about your teenager's behaviour, so they are aware that your child has ASD.
4. If your child is a runner who is high needs, there are tracking pendants available <http://www.police.govt.nz/news/tenone/20061110-291/feature-trackingsystem.htm>
5. The police website has information and resources that may help you plan how to keep your child safe. <http://www.police.govt.nz/service/yes/home-safely.html> or www.police.govt.nz/.../pdfdownload.php?filename=school-road-safety/stepping-out-teaching-guide-y0-1.pdf

Road Safety

1. Teach your child road safety using road safety songs from popular children's TV programmes e.g. Barney, Dorothy the Dinosaur, the Tweenies.
2. You could try using a photo book if your child has some understanding, but needs reinforcement not to run out into the road. Take photos of road kill and then add a text at your child's level, e.g.

Look at naughty possum.
He went on the road.
He got hit by a car and he got hurt.

Look at naughty rabbit.
He went on the road.
He got hit by a car and he got hurt.



Ideas for the Police

The following articles for police can be found on the Autism New Zealand website:

1. Police Article: A Handout for Police
<http://www.autismnz.org.nz/articlesDetail.php?id=13>
2. Police Article: Interview and Interrogation of people with autism (including Asperger syndrome)
<http://www.autismnz.org.nz/articlesDetail.php?id=9>
3. Police Article: What are Autism, Asperger Syndrome and Autism Spectrum Disorders?
<http://www.autismnz.org.nz/articlesDetail.php?id=10>
4. Police Article: What is an Appropriate Response?
<http://www.autismnz.org.nz/articlesDetail.php?id=12>