



TRANSPORTATION FOR PEOPLE WITH MEMORY LOSS

Tips for Families and
Caregivers in Florida



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For family members or caregivers of people with memory loss, there are steps you can take to support a safe and successful ride. The following tips can help you feel confident when using transportation services.



Create a travel kit for the passenger that includes the following:

- > A form of identification that includes their current address.
- > Emergency contact information of their caregiver.
- > A card that lists the name, address, and phone number of their destination.
- > Cell phone, water, and a snack to help make them more comfortable.



Consider a medical ID bracelet.

It may not always be clear a person is living with memory loss and they may have difficulty communicating clearly. This ID bracelet can provide others with information regarding their health.



Enroll them in a safe return program.

Safe return programs can aid in quick recovery if the passenger becomes lost.

MEDICALERT	fdot.info/ALZMedicAlert
PROJECT LIFESAVER	fdot.info/ProjectLifesaver
SCENT EVIDENCE	scentevidencek9.com

Contact your area's Memory Disorder Clinic by visiting fdot.info/MDCLocations or call the Elder Helpline at 1-800-963-ELDER (1-800-963-5337).

It is common for persons living with memory loss to become lost at least once. In the case the person has gone missing, start search efforts immediately.



If the person is not found within 15 minutes, CALL 911.

Work with first responders by answering their questions calmly and to the best of your abilities. Helpful information includes:

- > The name and medical diagnosis of the person missing.
- > A full description of the person and their clothing with a recent photo, if possible.
- > When and where the person was last seen.
- > Tips to assist first responders to help the person feel safe when they are located (name of a pet or grandchild).

After you have filed a missing persons report you can request information or assistance from the Missing Endangered Persons Information Clearinghouse at 1-888-FL-MISSING (1-888-356-4774) or MEPIC@fdle.state.fl.us.

Florida Silver Alert is used to locate missing persons, especially older adults with Alzheimer's disease, dementia, or other mental disabilities. A Local Silver Alert can be issued for those individuals who are missing on foot.



Sign-up to receive email or text alerts when a Silver Alert is activated fdot.info/SilverAlertSign-up.

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²The National Aging and Disability Transportation Center. Dementia, Caregiving and Transportation Toolkit. https://www.nadtc.org/wp-content/uploads/Dementia-Caregiving-and-Transp-Toolkit_FINAL.pdf

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