

## FREE Programs & Services



### Helpline: 844.435.7259

available for information, emotional support, resources, and referrals



### Care Counseling

guidance, support, and dementia expertise from experienced social workers



### Learning Opportunities

classes about Alzheimer's disease, dementia, brain health, and caregiving



### arts4ALZ & Memory Mornings

activities that focus on art, music, cognitive stimulation, and socialization



### Savvy Caregiver Workshops

courses to gain the knowledge, skills and understanding needed to care for a family member with Alzheimer's or another dementia



### Support Groups

share information and understanding with other caregivers or others living with dementia

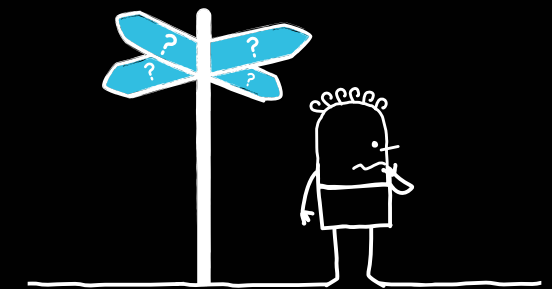
*Offered for different groups & in different languages*



844.HELP.ALZ | [AlzheimersLA.org](http://AlzheimersLA.org)



## When Wandering Happens



what to do when someone you know with dementia goes missing



Alzheimer's  
LOS ANGELES





# After the Person Goes Missing

## IMMEDIATELY CALL 911

- **At the scene:**
  - Have scent guide ready
  - Talk to people about what they saw
  - Review footage from security cameras at the disappearance site
  - Check abandoned vehicles, crawl spaces & other places where people can hide
  - Check tracking devices, such as MedicAlert, phone, or clothes with QR code

### • Phone calls to make:

- Activate your phone tree
- Contact local media outlets
- Notify LA County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
- Notify fire department



### • Activate social networks

- Social media & online forums
- Post on nextdoor.com
- Share photo & ask people to spread the word

### • Ask the police to:

- Request canine unit & bloodhounds
- Request dispatch conduct hourly broadcasts
- Activate Silver Alert
- Notify adjoining police jurisdictions & other law enforcement agencies



## Understanding Wandering



### Wandering is not mindless walking.

It can happen at any time. People with dementia can become easily

confused or overwhelmed, making them more susceptible to getting lost.

## Prepare

- Current photo & basic personal info
- Know favorite places, commonly taken routes, etc.
- Remember: tracking devices and wearables can be taken off
- Keep a recently worn article of clothing in a sealed bag
- Create a phone tree



## Helpful Resources

- **LA Found**  
(833)569-7651  
[ad.lacounty.gov/lafound](http://ad.lacounty.gov/lafound)
- **LA County Medical Alert Center**  
(866)940-4401
- **MedicAlert**  
(800)432-5378
- **Project Lifesaver International**  
(877)580-5433
- **LA County Metropolitan Transportation Authority**  
(213)922-6000

