

# Home Safety for Alzheimer's Disease

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## Alzheimer's Disease and Home Safety

As Alzheimer's disease progresses, you may begin to have issues understanding traffic signals and road signs. Giving up driving can be difficult and having someone to drive you to work, back home, and to run errands can feel like you're burdening others. It's important not to think of it this way. By staying off the road, you are saving lives. Also, do not think about this as having someone take you to work and home; in reality, you're just carpooling, which lots of people do anyway to help save the environment or to reduce the cost of gas overall. You may have to run errands with a loved one, but this is for the best anyway. You'll be able to get help to remember what you needed. It also doesn't have to be the same person all the time. Use anyone within your support network. This is a good way to spend time with people who you may have been too busy to interact with on a regular basis.





Agnosia: The Safety Challenge: Changes in the parietal lobe of the brain can cause safety issues such as













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## Wandering:





The Frontal Lobe controls movement. Alzheimer's disease can damage brain cells in these areas, causing a person to become disoriented. This is a common trigger for wandering.





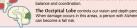
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Visit: bit.ly/19vEMBv and bit.ly/18xJRol to enroll in that help to locate a person with AD who has wandered.











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### M Driving issues:







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Visit: bit.ly/17Q2fqy for a great g managing driving issues.



## Your Home Safety Care Team

The good news is that there are healthcare providers who are experts in creating a safe home setting for people living with AD.

Key members of your care team should include an occupational therapist, physic therapist, geriatric care manager, family doctor/nurse practitioner, in-home care, adult day care, and a visiting nurse.



