

Safety Products & Resources*

A. Alcohol Safety	
Company/Topic Information	Product/Source Information
Alcoholism and the Elderly http://alcoholism.about.com/cs/elder/a/aa981118.htm	This article has information about the prevalence of alcoholism among the elderly, the causes and source of care.
American Family Physician - Alcoholism www.aafp.org/afp/20000315/1710.html	This is an academic article describing alcohol abuse and alcoholism as common but under recognized problems among older adults.

B. Electronic Tracking Devices	
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Rapid Recovery CareTrak International, Inc. 1202 Walnut Street Murphysboro, IL 62966 Phone: 800-SOS-SEEK (767-7335) Fax: 618-687-3539 www.rapidrecoverytracking.com	Uses the original radio-locating equipment for use with individuals with Alzheimer's and dementia who are at-risk for wandering. This equipment uses transmitters (worn by the person with Alzheimer's) and a receiver (used by law enforcement officers). Equipment is currently used by 800 police departments. Caregivers should check with local law enforcement to ensure support of the product.
Wherify 2500 Bridge Parkway, Suite 210 Redwood Shores, CA 94065 Phone: 877-943-7439 Fax: 650-551-5225 www.wherifywireless.com	The Wherifone is a GPS cell phone for children and seniors. It features built-in GPS location, an emergency "SOS" button for 911, and a 3-button "managed dial" key-pad that caregivers program to specific phone numbers for easy one-touch dialing. If a person is missing the caregiver can identify the individual's location via website or text message. During business hours Wherify's Customer Service Department can be contacted to locate an individual.
Cell Phone Provider	Many cell phone providers offer a GPS enabled phone as a feature service. Examples include Sprint/Nextel's Sprint Family Locator, Verizon's "Chaperone parent/child", and Alltel's "family finder".
Project Lifesaver 815 Battlefield Blvd. S. Chesapeake, VA 23322 Phone: 757-546-5502 Fax: 757-546-5503 contact@projectlifesaver.org www.projectlifesaver.org	Provides a wristwatch-sized device that can be tracked outdoors by a large hand-held antenna using a RF signal. The antenna, which must be operated by law enforcement, has a range of several miles, and indicates direction and rough distance to the wandering person. Project Lifesaver must be supported and adapted through police departments.

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<p>ADT – Companion Service 8154 Woodland Center Boulevard Tampa, FL 33614</p> <p>Phone: 800-568-1216 http://www.adt.com Click on “Home Health Security”</p>	<p>ADT offers Companion Service. Countertop communicator and small assist button (worn around the neck, clipped to pocket, or carried in pocket). Push button for help and signal is sent to ADT Monitoring Station. Individually tailored response plan (calling an ambulance, next door neighbor, or other option).</p>
<p>Care Electronics, Inc. 4700 Sterling Drive, Suite D Boulder, CO 80301</p> <p>Contact: Tom Moody Phone: 303-444-2273 FAX: 303-447-3502 www.CareElectronics.com</p>	<p>“WanderCare” system provides a wandering alert with a distance set by the caregiver and is adjustable. Up to one mile tracking device. Other safety systems can be added such as fire alarms, wheelchair monitors, and wetness monitors.</p>
<p>Connexed Video Surveillance 2415 Embarcadero Way Palo Alto, CA 94303</p> <p>Phone: 650-352-6060 www.connexed.com</p>	<p>Connexed offers a hosted video surveillance system that is simple to install, remotely maintained, network secure, and carries a lifetime warranty. You can securely log into your family's account from any PC and view live cameras or view recorded history of activity in the home. Common areas to view and record are front door, back door, and kitchen.</p>
<p>Home Technology Systems, Inc. 2400 Kerper Blvd. Dubuque, IA 52001</p> <p>Phone: 800-456-9634 or 800-922-3555 FAX: 563-588-1252 www.hometechsystems.com</p>	<p>Call for help transmitters and monitoring systems.</p>
<p>Powderhorn Industries, Inc. 931 North Park Avenue (Mail) P.O. Box 1443 Montrose, CO 81402</p> <p>Phone: 800-336-1414 FAX: 970-249-6839 www.powind.com Click on “Restraint Alternatives”</p>	<p>“<u>Bedside Sentinel</u>” is a motion detector device that sounds an alarm when the person is getting out of bed.</p> <p>“<u>Chair Sentinel</u>” for wheelchairs. The unit is patient releasable and emits an audible sound when the belt buckle is unfastened.</p>
<p>RF Technologies, Inc. 3125 North 126th Street Brookfield, WI 53005</p> <p>Phone: 800-669-9946 www.codealert.com</p>	<p>Code alert has emergency response systems, wanderer monitoring systems and fall prevention aids for the home and facility care market.</p>

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<p>Secure Care Products 39 Chenell Drive Concord, NH 03301-8501</p> <p>Phone: 800-451-7917 FAX: 603-227-0200 www.securecare.com</p>	<p>Perimeter systems (that can lock the door when resident wearing a transmitter approaches the receiver). System is primarily for care facilities.</p>
<p>Senior Technologies, Inc. 1620 N. 20th Circle Lincoln, NE 68503</p> <p>Phone: 800-824-7140 FAX: 402-475-4281 www.Seniortechnologies.com</p>	<p>Wander Guard ® departure alert systems: Selective door alarm with wrist signaling devices that trigger the alarm if the door is opened. Also offers fall-prevention monitors, emergency call pendants, motion detectors and door/window transmitters. These systems are for facilities.</p>
<p>Greatest of Ease Co. 2443 Fillmore Street #345 San Francisco, CA 94115</p> <p>Phone: 415-441-6649 FAX: 415-441-4319 http://personalpagers.tripod.com/go/</p>	<p>Personal pagers with alert systems and motion sensors.</p>

D. Fire Safety	
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<p>Fire Safety for Senior Citizens http://www.seniorjournal.com/NEWS/Features/2-10-08FireSafety.htm</p>	<p>According to the US Fire Administration, seniors are most susceptible to fire deaths. This article has 5 tips for fire safety.</p>
<p>Home Sense Phone: 877-785-9901 www.homesensors.com</p>	<p>Electric stove motion sensor that sounds an alarm after 6 minutes if no motion in front of the stove and then turns off the cooktop, oven and broiler when there has been no movement in front of the stove for 7 minutes.</p>

E. Food Safety	
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<p>Seniors and Food Safety http://vm.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/seniors.html</p>	<p>This is an article on preventing food borne illnesses.</p>
<p>To Your Health http://www.foodsafety.gov/~fsg/sr2.html</p>	<p>This is an article from the FDA on recognizing food borne illnesses and food safety at home.</p>
<p>Food Safety for the Elderly http://hgic.clemson.edu/factsheets/HGIC3642.htm</p>	<p>From Clemson University this tip sheet provides guidelines for safe food handling.</p>

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F. Gun Safety	
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General Firearm safety http://www.nrahq.org/education/guide.asp	This page from the NRA provides general gun safety information
Why More Senior Citizens are Carrying Guns www.csmonitor.com/2004/0106/p02s01-ussc.html	This article has information about how and why more seniors are carrying guns, and outlines some of the concerns.
Firearm Presence in households of patients with Alzheimer's and related Dementias http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/10522950	This academic article has information about the prevalence and consequences of firearms in households where people with dementia live.

G. Home Safety/Products	
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Alzheimer's Association - Home Safety Tips http://www.alz.org/living_with_alzheimers_home_safety.asp	When caring for a person with Alzheimer's disease, having a safe and supportive home is important. There are steps you can take to adapt the home to the person's changing needs.
Alzheimer's Store http://www.alzstore.com	Store that carries a variety of products for the person with Alzheimer's
Alzheimer's Solutions: Safety Hints for Caregivers http://shop.store.yahoo.com/alzheimersolutions/cartipandhin.html#safety	This website features caregiving tips and products for people with Alzheimer's.
Caregiver's Marketplace http://www.caregiversmarketplace.com/	The Caregivers Marketplace™ is the nation's first cash back program for anyone who gives, gets or needs care. You can receive cash back on eligible products that are not typically covered by insurance or Medicare – no matter where you buy them. The program is free and your information is always kept confidential
Child Safety Store www.childsafetystore.com	Clear View Stove Knob Covers – Helps keep stove knobs off limits. 5 per package. Also offers faucet latches and pool alarms.
CompuMed, Inc. 2024 State Street Meeteetse, WY Phone: 800-722-4417 or 307-868-2555 FAX: 307-868-2550 www.compumed.com	Automated medication dispenser delivers medication at the correct time and dose. For individual use. Two-week battery back up, lockable, tamper-proof, and portable. One-year warranty. Covered by some insurance plans. Suggested retail price \$895.00.
FlowManager™ http://www.plumbingproducts.com/toiletoverflowmanager.html	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FlowManager™ - automatically detects and stops bowl overflows for tank style toilets. • Stops water flow for the problem toilet only-all other plumbing fixtures maintains normal flow. • After toilet problem is corrected, normal water flow resumes by pressing a button.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activates a sound alarm and light alert
<p>ABLEDATA 8630 Fenton Street, Suite 930 Silver Spring, MD 20910</p> <p>Phone: 800-227-0216 TT: 301-608-8912 abledata@orcmacro.com http://www.abledata.com</p>	<p>Provides a wide variety of home safety products offered by various companies.</p>
<p>Graham-Field, Inc. 2935 NE Parkway, Suite C Atlanta, GA 30360</p> <p>Phone: 800-645-5272 www.grahamfield.com</p>	<p>High quality health care equipment for home care. Product lines include bathroom safety products, walking aids, specialty health care seating, wheelchairs, beds, cushions, therapeutic support systems, and other equipment.</p>
<p>Safety Precautions www.geocities.com/Heartland/Pointe/3894/DAP/Safety.htm</p>	<p>This was written by family member of a person with Alzheimer's. It is their perspective and their suggestions on making the home a safer place to live.</p>
<p>Organized Solutions 224 Bryn Wyck Saint Louis Missouri 63141 Phone: 800-349-8993 or 314-439-0518 Fax 314-439-0539 www.organizedsolutionsllc.com</p>	<p>Organized Solutions develops and distributes health care products to help family caregivers be more effective by staying organized, reducing mistakes, improving communications, and making better decisions.</p> <p>Keep Tabs On Caregiving is a caregiving guide and organizer that helps family caregivers make improved, timely health care decisions. It is available as a kit including binder, paper pages, and CD or as a CD only. Remind & Find is a set of labels that help people with memory loss find and put away household items. The easy to reposition vinyl labels use pictures and words to describe common items used primarily in the kitchen, bedroom and bathroom.</p>
<p>Safety Care http://www.safetycareinc.com</p>	<p>While the company is geared toward child safety, many of the products may be of helpful for families who have a person with dementia living with them or living independently. In particular, the locks, latches, stove covers and door knob covers may be of interest.</p>
<p>Shower Aide™, Inc. P.O. Box 130 Pelzer, SC 29669-4187</p> <p>Phone: 800-680-4187 www.showeraide.com</p>	<p>Shower Aide™ - Full-size chair with folding arms that you can enter from outside tub or shower. Swivels on bench of stainless steel into tub or shower, locks into place. Mildew resistant back, seat, and arms.</p>

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<p>Medic Alert® + Alzheimer's Association Safe Return® program 2323 Colorado Avenue Turlock, CA 95382</p> <p>Phone: 888-572-8566 www.alz.org/safereturn</p>	<p>MedicAlert® + Alzheimer's Association® Safe Return is a nationwide identification and support program working at the community level to facilitate the safe return of people with dementia who wander and get lost. The MedicAlert + Safe Return program works with law enforcement and communities to provide family support, wandering awareness, education, and training. .</p>
<p>Health Enterprises 90 George Leven Drive N. Attleboro, MA 02760 Phone: 800-633-4243 www.healthenterprises.com</p>	<p>A variety of Hypoallergenic stainless steel Identification Bracelets and Necklaces for identification only. They also offer hearing aid supplies.</p>
<p>MEDSCOPE ID Scopes 3050 Biscayne Blvd, Suite 507 Miami, FL 33130 Phone: 1-888-777-1213 FAX: 305-576-0053 www.idscopes.com/</p>	<p>MEDSCOPE is an emergency medical identification cylinder that contains 25 lines of detailed personal and medical information. The cylinder/microscope contains information about your doctors, relatives, allergies, medications, insurance carrier and other relevant information.</p>
<p>Senior Safety Net www.seniorsafetynet.org</p>	<p>Senior Safety Net - Secure, web-based national network and registry hosted by the National Center for Missing Adults. Allows Sheriff's offices and social service agencies to identify missing persons using iris biometric recognition technology. Person is enrolled by taking a digital photo of their eyes. Participation is entirely voluntary and individuals may opt out of the program at any time. There is no charge to enroll in the system</p>
<p>Self Assured ID Family Safety Program http://www.safeassured-id.com/</p>	<p>Self Assured ID Family Safety Program - Records up to ten digital fingerprints. Digital photograph, Streaming video showing mannerisms and gait, Voice track providing the individual's voice inflection and accent. General physical description and vital personal information, Family code word, Ability to create missing person poster. Can only get kit at a provider network event</p>

I. Law Enforcement	
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<p>Law Enforcement Sites on the Web http://www.copseek.com/</p>	<p>This is a police & law enforcement search engine and directory</p>

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J. Plant Safety	
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Invasive Plants - Human & Animal Health http://plants.usda.gov/java/noxiousDriver	This is a technical website from the USDA with a comprehensive list of information about invasive weeds and plants.

K. Transportation	
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American Association of Retired Persons AARP Driver Safety http://www.aarp.org/life/drive/	This website from the AARP has several articles on seniors and driving, including one on how to know when it might be time to stop driving.
Accessible Vans of America, LLC. Telephone: 888-AVA-VANS or 800-286-8222 info@accessiblevans.com www.accessiblevans.com	Offers vans for rent, lease, or purchase. Vans have been modified for easy accessibility of wheelchairs. Accessible minivans are user friendly; provide easy access, and high level of freedom and convenience as well as safety. For information brochure and price sheet call the toll free number to reach your nearest dealer.
At the Crossroads: A Guide to Alzheimer's disease, Dementia & Driving www.thehartford.com/alzheimers/brochure.html	This guide is to help people with dementia and their families prolong independence while encouraging safe driving. The guide provides suggestions for monitoring, limiting and stopping driving. The information incorporates the experiences of family caregivers and people with dementia, as well as suggestions from experts in medicine, gerontology and transportation.
National Highway and Transportation Safety Administration www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/research/Medical_Condition_Driving/pages/Sec14-Dement2.htm	This is an academic style article covers guidelines for older drivers.
New York State Office for the Aging - "Older Driver Safety" www.aging.state.ny.us/explore/drivers1.htm	This is a report from a survey of New York families and others concerned about an older person who was not driving safely. The survey was part of an overall initiative developed to assist families and caregivers wanting to address an unsafe driving situation.

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