

Guide for Individuals with Alzheimer's Disease

Alzheimer's Disease is a neurological disorder with no recognizable physical characteristics.

CHARACTERISTICS OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

- memory Loss
- disorientation (Time/Place)
- impaired judgment
- absentmindedness
- carelessness in appearance
- inability to communicate
- inappropriate dress
- poor concentration
- asks same question over
- abilities/abstract thinking
- paranoia/suspiciousness
- hallucinations/delusions

TYPES OF ENCOUNTERS (PUBLIC/LAW ENFORCEMENT)

- wandering
- shoplifting
- auto crashes/traffic violations
- apparent intoxication
- indecent exposure
- homicide/suicide cases
- victimization/false reports
- domestic violence

METHODS OF IDENTIFICATION

- Jewelry
 - Medic Alert and/or Safe Return bracelet
 - Necklace/lapel pin/dog tags
 - Clothing labels/patches
 - Electronic transmitters/beacons

Wandering is a life-threatening concern and should be treated as an emergency!