



SPECIAL NEEDS WATER SAFETY CHECKLIST

- _____ I have secured my home (doors, window locks, doggie doors, alarms, pool gate/alarms)
- _____ I am working on preventative measures to STOP my child from wandering
- _____ My child knows how to swim or is currently enrolled in swim lessons
- _____ I have communicated with my neighbors about my child's safety risks in regards to his/her attraction to water (it takes a community)
- _____ I have identified nearby water sources (pools, lakes, ponds, etc...)
- _____ Assign a designated person to provide supervision just for your child with autism during outings and family gatherings or visits.
- _____ Look to water sources first, when a child goes missing
- _____ I have addressed the attraction to water/wandering at school, summer camps and other settings
- _____ Always designate a "Water Watcher" when kids are near or in the water. Including during family parties
- _____ At least one member of my household is CPR certified

Resources:

Family Focus Resource Center – 661-294-9715 family.focus.scv@csun.edu
(for additional swim schools, safety and community resources)

SCAAN www.santaclaritaautism.org
Special Needs Registry – www.santa-clarita.com/snr

National Autism Association Big Red Safety Box
<http://nationalautismassociation.org/big-red-safety-box/>

For swim lessons call the City of Santa Clarita Aquatics Dept. 661-250-3767 or
www.santa-clarita.com/seasons

This is a suggested checklist and never a guarantee of safety. Supervision of children and family members at all times is the responsibility of guardians, and not the responsibility of the Family Focus Resource Center.