

Spot a Lost / Wandering Child or Adult

Children and Adults with special needs (intellectual / social / communication disabilities) are at high risk of getting lost. Special Child Assistance Network (SCAN) is launching an awareness campaign on International Day of Persons with Disabilities



Spot a Wandering Child or Adult

Wandering away from home or school is a common problem amongst high risk children and adults (those with intellectual / cognitive / social / communication disability) and can have life-threatening consequences...

Signs to look for:

1. Is the child/adult without an adult companion?
2. Is he/she not making eye contact, unable to speak clearly?
3. Does he/she look disorientated/restless, in need of help?

What can you do?

- Comfort the person, however try to avoid physically touching him/her
- Call 100 for Police or 1098 for Childline (child helpline); wait with the person till help arrives
- Take the person to the nearest police station
- Take pictures and upload the information on www.khoyapaya.gov.in
- Call us on +91 98409 31790 or email contact@scanfamily.org

*Please Remember: Every missing individual has a distressed family at home...
looking for him/her in every possible way!*

Special Child Assistance Network (SCAN) is a support group for families with special needs children, active since 2015. Learn more about us on www.facebook.com/groups/SpecialChildAssistanceNetwork/ or email us on contact@scanfamily.org



Chennai, Dec 2, 2019 (IssueWire.com) - Wandering away from home or school is a common problem amongst high-risk children and adults (those with intellectual/cognitive/ social / communication disabilities) and can have life-threatening consequences. In most cases, the child or adult is found very quickly and restored to their families. However, in some instances, the missing person is not found for a long time, or never found at all. There are also many unfortunate incidents where the missing person has met with a severe mishap,

Many children and adults with such disabilities are either non-verbal or not able to communicate effectively. They are therefore not able to communicate that they are lost or seek help in any way. A recent case is that of Tarun Gupta, a non-verbal child with autism who went missing from his home in Mumbai almost two months ago and has still not been located. Another tragic incident in recent times was that of Praveen Kumar, an adult with intellectual disabilities who missed the bus on his way to work in Chennai and got lost. Despite a city-wide search by family, friends, and volunteers, he was found only days later, having succumbed in a road accident barely six kilometers from where he went missing.

Special Child Assistance Network (SCAN) is raising awareness of this issue through a series of public messages and posters, in English and Tamil. The first such communication is being released on December 3rd, 2019, the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. The intent is to:

- Make people aware of this danger

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