

Township of Maplewood

POLICE DEPARTMENT

1618 SPRINGFIELD AVENUE



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"SPECIAL NEEDS SERVICES INFORMATION"

TO ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS: The Maplewood Police Department is seeking emergency contact information for any person (of any age) that are affected by any form of altered mental status including *Autism, Dementia, Bi-Polar Disorder, Schizophrenia*, or other illness, condition, or "Special Need" that may cause them to become impaired.

Police Officers receive specific training to follow protocols when they contact persons with "Special Needs". It would greatly help if the Police Department was able to understand who the person is prior to making contact. This prior knowledge will aid in better communication which will lead to a safer resolution for all involved parties.

*This information is solely entered in our computer system. It is intended for information purposes only and will not be shared. *

The Maplewood Police Department can enter specifics such as:

- Noise, Sound, Touch sensitivities
- Medication they may be taking
- Places they frequent
- Topics to easily discuss to put the individual at ease

Furthermore, after the individual's needs are registered (see instructions below), they will be provided with an (optional) Identification Card, which if kept on their person, can assist an Officer in identifying the individual or contacting a family member/guardian.

For more information, or to register someone, please follow the instructions to the website provided. You will be asked a few quick questions, can provide any details you wish, and are able to upload photos of the individual:

- Visit: www.MaplewoodPD.org
- Under Bureau's tab select Community Service
- Scroll down to Special Needs Registration
- Click 'Find Out More'

**Please Contact Maplewood Police Department at (973) 762-3400 or Ptl. Jones at <u>Mjones@maplewoodnj.gov</u> for any questions regarding the information provided, Thank you

	SPECIAL NEEDS INFORMATION CARD		CONTACTS: Jane Smith (Mother)	
Sample ID Card	PHOTO OF INDIVIDUAL PLACED HERE	<u>Sam Smith</u> 15 Way Ave. Maplewood NJ 07040 D.O.B 5/15/1998	15 Way Ave. Maplewood NJ 07040 (973) 123-4567 John Smith (Father)	N. J.
(Front & Back)	*Autistic* Highly Autistic, and is very sensitive to loud noises. Loves football (NY Giants) and cars. He is unable to verbally communicate his		125 Street Rd. Maplewood NJ 07040 (201) 123-4567	POLICE
	needs and can easily be overwhelmed. He is typically happy and very friendly. Frequents Maplecrest Park and Maplewood Ave. Listens to patriotic music and carries an iPad.		IF CARD IS FOUND PLEASE RETURN TO MAPLEWOOD PD— 1618 SPRINGFIELD AVE, MAPLEWOOD (973) 762-3400	