

## **Registry for People with Autism Pilot Project Program Overview**

Welcome to the Autism Registry.

**What is the Autism Registry?** The Registry for People with Autism is an Ottawa Police Service 2010 pilot project in partnership with the Ottawa Chapter of Autism Ontario. The online registry promotes communication and gives police quick access to critical information about a registered person with autism. The Registry can provide police with emergency contact information, detailed physical descriptions, known routines, favourite attractions or special needs of the individual with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). This information can assist officers in communicating with, attending a residence of or dealing with an emergency involving an individual with ASD.

### **Goal of the Program:**

The goal of the program is to give police quick access to critical information about a registered individual with ASD in the community in an emergency situation.

### **How it Works:**

[Ottawapolice.ca/autism](http://Ottawapolice.ca/autism) gives you access to:

- General information about the program;
- A list of Frequently Asked Questions about the program;
- The online registry form;
- Contact information/email link; and
- An Internet link to Autism Ontario- Ottawa Chapter for information and resources;

Complete the on-line registry form. Once submitted, you will receive a thank you notice which:

- Confirms the registration form is being processed;
- Provides a confirmation “Flag Number”;
- Provides the option to attach a picture (face only picture similar to a passport or school picture) to the form by replying to the confirmation flag record number.
- Advises you of the option to place a static cling “Emergency Alert” window decal at your residence, which will alert police that there is an occupant with autism who may not respond to verbal commands and who participates in the registry. These decals will be provided by Autism Ontario – Ottawa Chapter, and it will be the option of the individual who registers to contact Autism Ontario for these resources.

Register annually. Annual registration is required to keep your form active. It is the responsibility of the person with autism or the guardian to resubmit the form. It is recommended that you resubmit on the registrant's birthday to make it easier to remember.

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