

The Take me Home, Keep me Safe program was developed after a group of parents in the Auburn Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) expressed their desire for there to be a way they could let the Police Department know about their child's disability and or special need. With their assistance, the Take me Home, Keep me Safe program was created, but not just for children, but for any individuals of all ages. This program is derived from the Take Me Home Project, which is being used in other states to include Florida and New York. The Take Me Home Project focused on individuals with Autism and Alzheimer's. To better serve our diverse community, our program, Take me Home, Keep me Safe, is open to anyone with any condition they wish the police to be aware of.

In the Take me Home, Keep me Safe program, parents, caregivers or individuals themselves may fill out this **downloadable packet** and return it to the Auburn Police Department. Their information will be entered into our system, and the packet will be filled at the station. This way, should an Officer or Fire/Medical personnel ever have to assist this individual, through our in house system, he/she will be notified that the individual is registered in the program. From there, the dispatcher will be able to access the individual's packet and alert the officer to any special needs, communication issues, medications or other special information. We also ask that a photograph be submitted so that Officers may identify individuals who may be unable to communicate, like a lost child with Autism or a lost adult with Alzheimer's.

We are hoping with this program that a communication gap between the Special Needs community and the First Responder community be bridged.

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