



Child/Vulnerable Adult Safety

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What would you do if you lost your child at Back to the 50's or another large venue like the Minnesota State Fair? One minute you are looking at a beautiful 1963 Pontiac Bonneville Ambulance that was used in the movie "A Dog's Purpose", and you turn around, and your child/vulnerable adult is gone. You frantically look around for your child/vulnerable adult but they are nowhere to be found. What do you do? Would you be able to identify what clothes your child/vulnerable adult was wearing when you are in a panic?

This happens very often. What you need to do is report that your child/vulnerable adult is missing to any staff member that is working who will be able to radio the police department. You will need to give a full description of the child/vulnerable adult including race, color of hair, gender, age, height, what clothing are they wearing and any distinguishable features such as scars that would help identify the child/vulnerable adult.

Unfortunately, most parents under stress do not remember what their child/vulnerable adult was wearing. What we suggest is that you take a picture of the child/vulnerable adult on your phone when you arrive at the venue and email it to yourself in case your phone dies. You can also make a wrist band to put around your child/vulnerable adult with a parents/caregiver name and contact phone number on it just in case we find your child/vulnerable adult, then we can call letting you know where your child/vulnerable adult is. You can also buy a plain white tee-shirt and write your name and phone number on their shirt.

Please talk to your child/vulnerable adult about not leaving with a stranger except Law Enforcement, Fire/Rescue and EMS personnel. On the way to the event, please talk to your child/vulnerable adult about what to do if they get lost so everyone will be prepared and be able to enjoy the event.

