## Questions to Turbocharge Your Missing Person Search

Autistic individuals rarely "wander" aimlessly. They have a goal, destination, or purpose- even if they can't communicate it.

WHAT DO THEY LOVE?





"Eric loves bacon, trampolines, riding his hoverboard, going to the park, his grandparents, and shopping in the mall."

WHAT DO THEY HATE?



"Eric hates crying babies, barking dogs, feeling hot, going to school."

WHAT WAS THE PLAN?

- "First we were going to finish breakfast.
- Then chores.
- Then go to the park.
- Then visit his grandma."

DID SOMETHING NOVEL HAPPEN?

"Now that you mention it, our neighbor's dog started barking really aggressively right before Eric disappeared."

START HERE



- Quiet places where Eric could escape the noise of the barking dog (closets, parked cars, etc.).
- Parks, malls, stores.
- Route to grandma's house or inside mom's car (excited for the next step in the day's plan).