

VOLUNTARY & CONFIDENTIAL

The Take Me Home Program is a free service created for individuals with autism, Down syndrome, developmental or cognitive disabilities. It is also intended to assist senior residents who suffer from dementia or Alzheimer's.

A lost child or adult with a cognitive challenge may become disoriented or act in a manner that could be misinterpreted by first responders. Registration in Take Me Home can assist first responders in de-escalating potential stressful situations for those who may be alarmed or agitated by our contact with them.

If your loved one has gone missing, and is registered in the Take Me Home Program, first responders are able to access the program database which will provide them with a photo and important information that can assist them in their search.

Take Me Home is voluntary and all information is kept confidential.



For more information, contact the
Communications & Community Engagement Unit
communityprograms@rentonwa.gov

Renton Police Department
1055 South Grady Way
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Allows for the safe return of individuals
who may not be able to communicate
vital information to first responders

TAKE ME HOME



City of Renton
**POLICE
DEPARTMENT**





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The Take Me Home Program was developed for those who may need assistance if they become lost or confused after leaving their home.

This kind of assistance may be needed if the subject is unable to speak or identify themselves, or if they become disoriented or respond in a manner that could be misinterpreted by first responders. The system includes a digital picture, ideographic information, and caregiver contacts.

If a person registered in the system is contacted by a first responder, the officer can query the Take Me Home database, searching by name, physical attributes, or unique characteristics. Once their record has been located, the officer can utilize this information to appropriately assist the person.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Information from the completed registration is entered into a database that can be accessed anytime by first responders. If officers locate an individual who cannot communicate where they live, they can then search the database by description and return the person to their loved ones.

The system also works in reverse: if a loved one goes missing, their picture and description is immediately available to assist in a search for the missing individual.

The Renton Police commit to gathering and maintaining enrollment records for this program. Families or individuals can contact Renton PD for a registration form to begin the process; or you can download the form from the city’s website: rentonwa.gov/tmh.



TESTIMONIAL

Devyn is known as a “runner” and despite his parents’ best efforts, he sometimes escapes from home. Devyn was playing in the fenced-in yard; in seconds he climbed the fence and took off. When his father, John, realized he was missing, he called 9-1-1. When he gave Devyn’s name to the operator, she reported that the police had already picked Devyn up and he was on his way back home.

Even though Devyn is non-verbal, with the Take Me Home Program, the first responders knew exactly who he was and where he lived. Because Devyn’s parents enrolled him in the program, if he goes missing, his information and photograph are immediately available to police.

“I continue to keep a close watch on him, but feel comfortable in the fact that if he does manage to escape, police in our city will know who he is along with a description of where he lives. This is a program that all families of special needs loved ones should take advantage of.”

—Devyn’s dad, John

