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ALZHEIMER'S ALERT PROGRAM

Alzheimer's disease was first described by a German physician, Alois Alzheimer, in 1907. The condition was subsequently named after him. The disease as originally described, occurred in a woman in her 50's but doctors now agree that the dementia that occurs in the elderly, usually past 80 years of age, is the same condition.

The symptoms of the disease are usually a gradual decline in intellectual ability with an accompanying physical decline. Early in the illness, only memory may be impaired. The person is more than a little forgetful. He or she may have difficulty learning new skills or tasks that require reasoning or calculation, such as math. Their personality may change and depression may follow.

One of the most devastating experiences for a family coping with Alzheimer's disease is to have a loved one wander away from home and become lost. To give families some degree of security, the Chatham Police have set up the **Alzheimer's Alert Program**.

Registration in the program is completely voluntary. To participate, please complete the attached registration form and return it to the Chatham Police Department with a recent photograph. The completed form along with the picture you provide is then placed on file with the police department. In the event the your family member wanders, contact the police department and a description as well as other information concerning the person will be promptly dispatched to officers on duty.

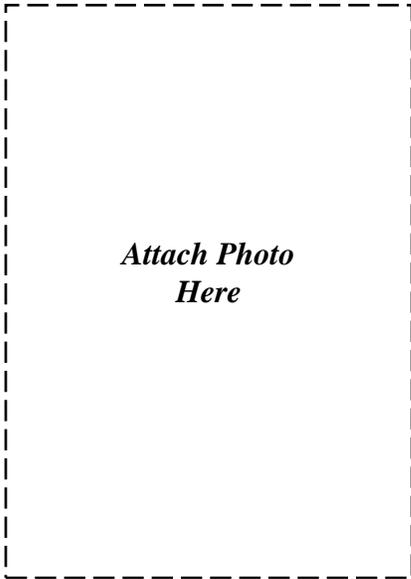
If you do not have a recent photograph, the Chatham Police Department will take the photograph and assist with completion of the registration form if necessary. We strongly encourage anyone concerned about a loved one who tends to wander to register that person in our program. This is a free community service offered through the Chatham Police Department.

Chatham Police Department Alzheimer's Alert Program

Please complete form, attach a recent photograph and return to:

Chatham Police Department
Alzheimer's Alert Program
249 George Ryder Rd.
Chatham, MA 02633

Patient:



<i>Full Name</i>		<i>Date of Birth</i>	
<i>Street Address</i>			
<i>Telephone #</i>		<i>Cellular #</i>	
<i>Height</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Eye Color</i>	<i>Hair Color</i>
<i>Identifying characteristics (scars, physical handicaps, etc)</i>			
<i>Major medical concerns (diabetes, heart condition, etc)</i>			
<i>Known allergies or other medical concerns that police & paramedics should be aware of</i>			

If patient lives with family member, please list contact information;

If patient wanders, please list possible places to check;

If patient still drives or has access to a car, please list the descriptions of those vehicles, including registration numbers;

Is patient known to be physically or verbally abusive? _____

Other helpful information or additional comments:
