

WANDERING:

A Potential Danger to Individuals with Alzheimer's ...
Survey Results* Reveal the Stress on Family Caregivers



of Alzheimer's family caregivers say their loved one has **wandered off** or **gotten lost**.*

49%



of family caregivers reported a **"near miss" where they feared the worst**, but were able to get their loved one back to safety unharmed and on their own.*

Nearly

1 out of 5



family caregivers **called the police** to help find their loved one.*

71%



of family caregivers who reported a wandering incident currently **are taking precautions to help prevent their loved one from wandering** or getting lost again.*



What families are saying

"My fear is that Mom will get out of her room and wander into the kitchen while I'm sleeping. I stay up most of the night, and go to bed around dawn ..."

"The coldest night of the year, my loved one went outside... If he had left the yard, he may have died from the cold."

"When my uncle wandered off, we found him in a ditch after a long search. He was OK...However, he did it again and again ..."



To learn more about a free web service that could help family caregivers locate an individual in the event they wander or get lost, visit the Missing Senior NetworkSM at **MissingSeniorNetwork.com**.



The Prevent WanderingSM program offers tips and other valuable information to assist family caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's or other dementia illnesses. Go to **PreventWandering.ca**.

*The research: In March-April 2016, 1,110 family caregivers across North America (86% in the U.S. and 11% in Canada) responded to a 10-minute online survey from Home Instead, Inc., franchisor of the Home Instead Senior Care[®] franchise network. Each Home Instead Senior Care[®] franchise office is independently owned and operated.