## TO THE FIRST RESPONDER OR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

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Please contact one of the following people in case of an emergency.



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## l may:

- Have difficulty making eye contact or communicating.
- Speak too loudly or too softly.
- Behave in an unusual way if I'm feeling anxious of confused.
- Panic or bolt if yelled at, and lash out if touched or physically restrained.

## To help me cooperate, please:

- Identify yourself calmly and clearly as a law enforcement officer/first responder.
- Call one of my emergency contacts (see reverse side of card).
- Tell me exactly what I need to do step by step in a polite, clear, simple, and literal manner.
- Avoid touching or restraining me, and turn off any flashing lights or loud noises.

