

Special Caution for Dementing Illnesses

Individuals with Alzheimer's disease or any other dementing illness which causes memory loss, confusion or disorientation – will require special caution and care.

- ☐ Keep all medications locked.
- ☐ Keep all alcohol in a locked cabinet or out of reach (drinking alcohol can increase confusion).
- ☐ Avoid clutter, which can create confusion and danger. Throw out or recycle newspapers and magazines regularly.
- ☐ Keep plastic bags or other choking or suffocation hazards out of reach.
- ☐ Remove all guns and other weapons from the home or lock them up.
- ☐ Lock all power tools and machinery in the garage, workroom or basement.
- ☐ Remove all poisonous plants from the home. Contact the poison control center (1-800-222-1222) for a list of poisonous plants.
- ☐ Keep fish tanks out of reach.
- ☐ Install childproof door latches on storage cabinets and drawers designated for breakable or dangerous items.
- ☐ Lock away all household cleaning products, matches, knives, scissors, blades, small appliances, and anything valuable.