



Oelwein Police Department

Autism / Neurodivergent Safety Information Form

1. Child profile

Child full legal name Preferred name / nickname

Date of birth Height Weight Hair / eyes

Physical identifiers, scars, glasses, mobility aids, or anything responders should notice

2. Photo and quick identifiers

Recent photo

3. Parent / guardian and home information

Parent / guardian 1 name Relationship Primary phone Email

Parent / guardian 2 name Relationship Phone Email

Home address Apartment / unit City / State / ZIP

Emergency contact (if different) Relationship Phone Best time / method to reach family

4. Communication and safety overview

Communication methods used (check all that apply)

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|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Speaks full sentences | <input type="checkbox"/> Limited verbal | <input type="checkbox"/> Nonverbal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AAC / device | <input type="checkbox"/> Sign language | <input type="checkbox"/> Picture cards / visuals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gestures / pointing | | |

- Safety concerns (check all that apply)
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|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elopement / wandering risk | <input type="checkbox"/> Attracted to water | <input type="checkbox"/> May hide in small spaces |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> May panic if touched unexpectedly | <input type="checkbox"/> Does not reliably state name / address | <input type="checkbox"/> Limited traffic / danger awareness |
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Detailed sensory, medical, and search information

Use this page for details responders should know before they speak, approach, search, or transport.

5. Sensory triggers and calming strategies

Sensory triggers or situations that may increase distress (check all that apply)

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|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashing lights | <input type="checkbox"/> Sirens / alarms | <input type="checkbox"/> Crowds / many voices | <input type="checkbox"/> Unexpected touch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dogs / animals | <input type="checkbox"/> Uniforms / equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> Sudden routine changes | <input type="checkbox"/> Waiting / uncertainty |

Known triggers or warning signs responders should know

What usually helps calm, redirect, or safely gain cooperation

6. Medical and search information

Medical information or diagnoses relevant to emergency response

Allergies / seizure history / medical alerts

Special transport / restraint concerns or things to avoid

Current medications

Favorite locations, interests, or likely places to search first

7. Helpful supports (check all that apply)

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|--|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Noise-reducing headphones | <input type="checkbox"/> Quiet / low-stimulation space | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent / caregiver present | <input type="checkbox"/> Favorite object or comfort item |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visual prompts / picture cues | <input type="checkbox"/> Extra processing time | <input type="checkbox"/> Avoid crowding / give space | <input type="checkbox"/> Simple one-step directions |



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Consent, privacy acknowledgment, and family authorization

Review this page carefully before signing.

8. Authorization and release

I am the parent or legal guardian of the child identified in this form. I voluntarily provide this information to the Oelwein Police Department to help dispatchers, officers, and other authorized first responders interact with and assist my child as safely as possible during emergency, welfare, or law enforcement encounters. I authorize the department to retain this information for emergency-response planning and to share it internally with dispatch, responding officers, supervisors, and partner first responders when reasonably necessary for public safety. If I provide medical or behavioral details, I understand those details are supplied only for emergency planning and operational awareness. This form is not intended to replace medical records. I acknowledge that reasonable safeguards will be used, but the information may be accessed by authorized public-safety personnel who need it for response purposes. I understand I may request updates or removal according to department policy. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I release the City of Oelwein and its officers and employees from claims arising from good-faith reliance on the information provided, except where prohibited by applicable law.

- I consent to emergency-response use of this information.
- I consent to internal sharing with authorized responders.
- I will notify the department if key information changes.
- I would like a copy of this completed form.

9. Signature

Parent / guardian signature (digital signature field)

Date

Printed name

Optional notes or restrictions on sharing



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Officer reference and department use

This page can be retained internally with call notes, CAD / RMS updates, and future-response guidance.

10. Quick-response guidance for officers

- Approach slowly and keep your voice low. Reduce lights, sirens, and extra radio noise when practical.
- Explain each action before you take it. Use short, concrete phrases and allow extra time to process.
- Lack of eye contact, delayed answers, pacing, stimming, or echolalia may be regulation strategies rather than defiance.
- If safe, ask the caregiver what words, visuals, objects, or routines help calm or redirect the child.
- Avoid sudden touch. If contact is necessary, explain it first and use the least intrusive option that keeps everyone safe.
- Watch for elopement, attraction to water, hiding behavior, bolting toward familiar places, and poor danger awareness near traffic.
- Consider moving the contact to a quieter space and limiting the number of people speaking at once.
- Document successful strategies, triggers observed, and caregiver recommendations for future calls.
- If transport or custody is required, communicate any restraint, sensory, or medical concerns to receiving staff immediately.

11. Officer use only

Case / incident number

Officer name / badge

Date reviewed

CAD / RMS flag entered

Encounter notes / strategies that worked

Follow-up actions / updates requested