

AUTISM AWARENESS FOR PFD RESPONDERS

IDENTIFY AUTISM

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1. TANTRUMS
 2. EXTREME DISTRESS WITHOUT PROVOCATION
 3. UNCONTROLLED LAUGHTER OR GIGGLING
 4. IGNORING YOUR PRESENCE
 5. SENSITIVITY TO SOUNDS
 6. SENSITIVITY TO TOUCH
 7. SENSITIVITY TO LIGHTS
 8. INABILITY TO MAKE EYE CONTACT
 9. INSENSITIVITY TO PAIN OR INAPPROPRIATE REACTION TO PAIN STIMULI SUCH AS LAUGHTER
 10. NO FEAR OF REAL DANGER
 11. EXHIBITING SELF-STIMULATING BEHAVIORS SUCH AS BODY ROCKING / FLAPPING OR ATTACHMENT TO SPECIFIC OBJECTS
 12. BABBLING INCOHERENTLY
 13. EMITTING A TONE OR TONES REPEATEDLY

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COMMUNICATING

A PERSON WITH AUTISM MAY...

1. BE NON-VERBAL OR LIMITED IN THEIR VERBAL SKILLS
2. REPEAT YOUR WORDS AND PHRASES
3. MIMIC YOUR BODY LANGUAGE
4. MIRROR YOUR EMOTIONAL REACTIONS
5. HAVE DIFFICULTY EXPRESSING NEEDS

THE FIRST RESPONDER SHOULD...

1. TRY TO SPEAK SLOWLY
2. USE SIMPLE STRAIGHTFOWARD LANGUAGE
3. GIVE ONLY ONE REQUEST OR COMMAND AT A TIME
4. CONSIDER USING ALTERNATIVE COMMUNICATION TECHNIQUES SUCH AS PICTURES, SIGN LANGUAGE, WRITING, OFFER PEN / PAPER / COMPUTER AND DEMONSTRATE EACH
5. TRY WHISPERING OR EVEN SING THE INFORMATION