

Local Police Premise Alert Opportunity

Have you ever worried about what would happen if your child with special needs encountered an emergency? What information about your child would be helpful to first responders?

Your local police departments are pleased to announce **Premise Alert** —an opportunity for families to provide a uniform method to alert first responders about individuals with special needs. It also provides first responders with advance knowledge, allowing for quick and educated responses during crises, evacuations, and disasters. The form is provided free of charge to families and can be found by clicking here: <http://www.parklandsd.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/PA.pdf>.

Who can use it?

Anyone who has a special need, health challenge or disability such as, but not limited to, Alzheimer's Disease, Autism, Mental Health Challenges, Intellectual Disability, a complex or rare medical condition, who would like first responders such as police, ambulance and fire department to know of their special needs.

Who can fill out this form?

- Individuals with special needs can fill it out for themselves.
- Parents of minor children
- Guardians of minor children
- Current Foster Care parents (child's name isn't required)
- Those with LEGAL guardianship for another
- Those with the Power of Attorney for another

If you do not have a legal right to provide this information, you should NOT fill out this form or provide this information.

Do I have to fill it out?

No, it is VOLUNTARY. You do not have to provide any information you do not want First Responders to know or use.

How do I use the form?

Fill out the form with as much information as you would want shared with emergency first responders, sign it, and then return a copy to your child's teacher and the school will send all forms in to the local police department or you may mail it back to your local police department. The information will be put into the police system for future use.

What Police Department should I send it to?

If you reside in:

- **Upper Macungie Township:** Berks-Lehigh Regional Police, Attention: Sergeant Roger Heins, 127 Quarry Rd., Kutztown, PA 19530.
- **South Whitehall Township:** South Whitehall Township Police, Attention: Officer Benjamin Porobenski or Officer Jeffrey Natysyn, 4444 Walbert Ave., Allentown, PA 18104.
- **North Whitehall Township:** Pennsylvania State Police, Attention: Sergeant Robert D. Tyler, 2930 Airport Rd., Bethlehem, PA 18017.

The form asks for a recent photograph, what kind of picture is best?

Any picture is better than no picture, but the best picture is a close-up of the person's face. A passport or school picture would suffice. It is best if the background is plain.

How often do I need to fill out a Premise Alert Form?

This form is good for 1-2 years depending on the system it is filed in. If you move or need to make changes in the information, just fill out another form and submit it. Any of the police departments will automatically use the new information.

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