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FREE

BE SAFE Interactive Screening

Held at the Flagstaff Police Department

Date: Saturday, Sept. 23rd Time: 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Where: 911 E. Sawmill Road, Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Join us **IN PERSON** for a BE SAFE Interactive Screening. BE SAFE The Movie uses video modeling to show viewers how to interact with the police in everyday encounters. Positive models help viewers of all abilities learn what to do and say when meeting the police. Crucial safety skills are clearly demonstrated in this screening, ranging from following instructions to the right to remain silent. BE SAFE is great for teens and adults with disabilities and **EVERYONE** else for that matter! Our goal is to help prevent problems and improve outcomes in police encounters. **Pizza will be provided!**

Register today at <https://phxautism.org/events/be-safe-program>

Why Should You Participate?

Teaching safe behaviors directly and explicitly to individuals with disabilities is essential for promoting safety for themselves and others. One in 44 children are now diagnosed with Autism. Children with Autism are growing up and participating in community life more than ever before, with an estimated 50,000 kids with Autism turning 18 each year.

Even when the police are trained or know that someone has a disability, things can still go wrong if the person with a disability is unprepared for a police encounter. Their first instinctive reaction might be a “fight or flight” response, especially if the person is unfamiliar with the police or their procedures. This event will help teens and adults with Autism, and related conditions, become prepared for all different kinds of police encounters, ranging from asking for help, to being detained as a suspect. Officers will have the chance to interact with disabled individuals in the communities they serve.

This event is an opportunity to see local officers at their best and witness relationships being built that bridge the gap between police and the Autism community. The BE SAFE event is positive, uplifting, and has the potential to save lives. It is a worthwhile opportunity to shine the light on people coming together to promote the safety of some of our most vulnerable citizens.

**With understanding we build relationships and
with relationships, we build safety.**