

Controlled Community Access

Balancing Safety and Freedom at Windchime of Marin

For families navigating Alzheimer's and dementia, wandering is one of the most frightening potential behaviors. At **Windchime of Marin**, we utilize Controlled Community Access to ensure residents are safe without feeling confined. Our environment is designed to protect vulnerable seniors while promoting their independence within a secure boundary.

The Purpose of Controlled Access

Controlled access is not about restriction; it is about creating a safe haven. By carefully managing who enters and exits our facility, we achieve two vital safety goals:

- **Preventing Elopement:** Ensuring that memory care residents do not accidentally wander off the property into potentially dangerous situations.
- **Screening Visitors:** Protecting residents from unauthorized individuals, maintaining health protocols, and keeping the environment calm and structured.

Features of Our Secure Neighborhoods

- **Disguised Exits:** Doors leading out of the memory care neighborhoods are often painted to blend into the walls or disguised with murals, reducing the visual cue to exit and lowering exit-seeking anxiety.
- **Keypad Entry Systems:** Staff and approved family members use secure, rotating passcodes to move through the facility, ensuring doors remain locked to residents without causing alarms to constantly sound.
- **Secure Courtyards:** Residents have free, unhindered access to beautifully landscaped outdoor spaces. These courtyards are enclosed by secure, non-

imposing physical boundaries that integrate seamlessly into the landscaping.

Why "Neighborhoods" Matter

Rather than a clinical, institutional layout, Windchime is designed as a series of interconnected "neighborhoods." Once inside a neighborhood, a resident is free to roam. They can walk from the dining area to the living room, and out into the secure courtyard, all without encountering a locked door. This freedom of movement is crucial for maintaining physical health and reducing the frustration often associated with dementia.

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