



Safe Places

Information about becoming a
Safe Place in Warwickshire -
helping people feel safe when out and about



www.warwickshire.gov.uk/safeplaces





You have been given this leaflet because you are thinking about, or have decided to become a Safe Place.

What are Safe Places?

Safe Places is a scheme which helps vulnerable people deal with any incident that takes place while they are out and about.

Individual members of the scheme will carry an 'I need help' card with the details of a trusted contact.

If they need help when they are out and about they can go to any shop, business or other location that displays the Safe Place sticker on their window.

How you will be able to support someone in need?

Ask the person what support they need – either:



- 1. Contact family/carer** (details on their card).
If they don't have a card please ask if there is anyone you could call for them.



- 2. If the person is reporting a hate crime call police on 101** in a non-emergency or **999** in an emergency.





What do you need to do now?



Watch the Safe Places DVD. This will give you more information about Safe Places scheme and information on Hate Crime. Then share this information with your staff.



Display the window stickers in a clearly visible place so people can see them when walking by.



Remember that people may come into your premises distressed and may need some support. You will need to be patient and understanding.

For further details about the Safe Places Scheme please contact:

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Hate Crime

Nearly 9 out of 10 people with a learning disability have been victims of hate incidents or hate crime. *(Taken from helping victims of hate crime booklet – Mencap living with fear).*

Hate Crimes are when someone treats a person badly because they don't like something about them; these are targeted towards an individual or a group of individuals, examples of people targeted can include:



- disability
- race or ethnicity
- religion or belief
- sexual orientation
- transgender identity

At the Safe Place you can support someone who is reporting a hate crime or incident by calling 101 in a non-emergency and 999 in an emergency:

- You will then will pass the phone to them so they can report what has happened.
- Ask the individual if they would like you to contact anyone else.

People feel safer going out into the community when they know there are Safe Places nearby.

