

What is the Safer Places Scheme?

'Safer Places' is a voluntary scheme that provides safe and supportive places (displaying the Safer Places logo) which are open to the public such as shops, offices or public buildings that act as 'go to places' should a vulnerable person experience difficulties whilst alone.

The Safer Places Scheme aims to assist vulnerable people with learning disabilities, autism and dementia to feel safer when travelling independently and help maintain independent living.



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How can Safer Places help?

Members of the Safer Places Scheme will carry a Safer Places Card with their name and the details of up to three people that can be contacted in the event that support is required.

A Safer Places Card for Daniel from Wakefield District. The card is white with a blue border and features the Safer Places logo (a house with two people) and the text 'We are a Safer Place' and 'Safer Place'. It also includes the Wakefield District logo, NHS logo, and Metro logo. The card is tilted and shows the following information:

Wakefield District
Safer Places Scheme
Phone: 0345 8 503 503

My Name is ... **Daniel**
Please phone one of: Ref **1 7 6**

Name	Phone No.	Relationship
Anne	07976 123456	Mum
Andrew	01924 111222	Carer
John	01924 333444	Neighbour

Police non emergency 101
Police emergency 999

If a vulnerable person arrives lost, confused, unwell or having been a victim of crime - staff within a 'Safer Place' are required to (a) contact one of the people named on the back of the Safer Places Card or the emergency services, if appropriate (b) allow the vulnerable person to wait on the premises until the named person (or police/ambulance) arrives.

Why should my business become a Safer Place?

Safer Places Schemes are developing all over England through the goodwill of businesses, organisations and the staff working within them.

Joining the scheme would draw appreciation from vulnerable people, their families, support workers and from the public. Your business would receive positive publicity through demonstrating that you exercise social responsibility. All Safer Places within the district will be listed on the Wakefield Council website.



How can my business become a Safer Place?

We are seeking businesses and organisations whose premises are open to the public and have appropriate public liability insurance; premises that are accessible for people with disabilities and are staffed by at least 2 people at any one time and that are safe and comfortable and have reasonable opening hours.

The scheme will be managed by Wakefield Council's Customer Services. You can apply online at www.wakefield.gov.uk/saferplaces or by calling 0345 8 503 503.

What support and training is available?

If you are or want to become a Safer Place you can access our training pack including literature and a DVD at www.wakefield.gov.uk/saferplaces or by calling 0345 8 503 503. Materials on the website and the information within the pack will be suitable for staff training. For a limited period, training can be delivered at your premises. This training will be delivered by enthusiastic volunteers, who are living with learning disabilities and dementia supported by a support worker.

Further information

For further information please visit www.wakefield.gov.uk/saferplaces or contact:

Phone: 0345 8 503 503

Email: saferplaces@wakefield.gov.uk

Write to: **Safer Places Scheme
(Wakefield District)
Wakefield One
PO Box 700
Wakefield WF1 2EB**

Wakefield Council and partners in the scheme would value your support and look forward to receiving your application.



Wakefield District Safer Places Scheme



What you need to know



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