

Rochdale Safe Place Scheme



The Safe Place Scheme can provide support to vulnerable people in the community when they are out and about.

Local shops, businesses and amenities display a sticker to let people know that they can provide a temporary Safe Place.

If someone feels unsafe, disorientated, confused or vulnerable whilst out and about, a Safe Place is somewhere that they can go to for help.

Safe Places help people who might be vulnerable. This includes people with a learning disability, a physical disability, autism, or dementia.

Joining the Scheme

What is involved?

It is free to join the scheme. By becoming a member of the scheme, you agree to:

- Support a vulnerable person who (on arrival at your building) may be confused, lost, or have been a victim of crime. When they arrive they may show you their Safe Places card.
- Contact one of the people named on the back of their Safe Places card, or the emergency services, if necessary.
- Allow the person to wait at your premises until help arrives, or they feel safe to leave.

This scheme is intended to provide a short-term place of safety. You will either direct someone, or help them contact someone else who can help them further. You are not expected to provide ongoing support, or become involved in any complex situations.

We will visit your premises and will provide an information pack to support you in your role as a Safe Place.

Benefits of joining the scheme

- Increase public awareness of your business or service, improve your business image in the community, and show social value.
- Help people in vulnerable situations and increase the confidence of people when they are out and about.
- Help make Rochdale a welcoming and safer place for everyone.

Please contact us for more information and to request a registration form.

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