

# SAFE PLACES

Helping people feel safe when they are out and about in Coventry



Nationally 90% of people with a learning disability report having experienced harassment. Grapevine wants people with learning disabilities to be part of their community and feel safe using shops, pubs, cafes, entertainment venues and public transport in Coventry City Centre without high levels of fear or anxiety.

In order to implement the scheme, Grapevine is inviting your business in the city centre to take part in our Safe Places scheme and welcome a new customer base to your premises. For the first 12 months, the scheme will run within Coventry city centre only, but we hope to gain further evidence and funding in order to widen the scheme in due course. It's FREE for your premises to become a Safe Place, easy to operate, and by displaying the Safe Places logo you will reassure your customers.

## How it works

1. If someone with a learning disability is in need of help they may approach a member of staff with their card or keyring.
2. The person will explain why they need help and what they would like you to do. They may use the card to help them.
3. You can now help them, it may just be that they are lost, or maybe something more serious. Contact the police if needed.
4. Please contact a personal contact on the card.

## Rules

1. Always keep the individual in the front of the shop.
2. If a crime has been committed, call the police.
3. Never take the card away from the individual.

## Top Tips

1. Have the Safe Places logo sticker in a clear place in the shop window.
2. Speak clearly to the person.
3. Respect us for who we are.



helping people with learning disabilities to grow their lives

Safe Places is run by Grapevine in partnership with Coventry City Council People Directory and Community Safety Partnership, including West Midlands Police.

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