

Top Tips for **Safe Places** organisations

These Top Tips were developed by self-advocates from the North Yorkshire Learning Disability Partnership Board.

They give ideas for organisations who are part of the **Safe Places** scheme on how to support people with a learning disability or autism.

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| [Thumbs up6](https://www.photosymbols.com/collections/choices/products/thumbs-up6?_pos=11&_sid=b1b039829&_ss=r) | Understand what the Safe Places scheme is and why it is important  You can find out about the Safe Places Scheme at https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/safe-places |
| [Noise](https://www.photosymbols.com/collections/feelings/products/noise?_pos=9&_sid=e063175f7&_ss=r) | Help the person to feel comfortable as they may be anxious or upset |
| [Chat Manager 2b](https://www.photosymbols.com/collections/work/products/chat-manager-2b?_pos=37&_sid=8fe5745f5&_ss=r) | Don’t rush, stay calm and take time to listen, |

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| [Coffee Break 1](https://www.photosymbols.com/collections/work/products/coffee-break-1?_pos=9&_sid=9cb55f0ba&_ss=r) | Ask if the person would like to sit down and offer them a drink. |
| [Michael 2](https://www.photosymbols.com/collections/people-adults/products/michael-2?_pos=27&_sid=9ba04468f&_ss=r) | We may want a quiet place to sit if the place is crowded or noisy. |
| [Identity card](https://www.photosymbols.com/collections/information/products/identity-card?_pos=6&_sid=371d6f9bf&_ss=r) | Ask if they have a Safe Places ID card or a phone number of someone to contact. |
| [Boss phone1](https://www.photosymbols.com/collections/work/products/boss-phone1?_pos=20&_sid=5ed8b99e6&_ss=r) | Offer to call the number we have given you. |
| [Communication Aid 1](https://www.photosymbols.com/collections/all/products/communication-aid?_pos=5&_sid=7b4dabbbd&_ss=r) | Some people may struggle to communicate  They may have a card with pictures or symbols on it which they can point to. |



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