

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 | Understand what the Safe Places scheme is and why it is importantYou can find out about the Safe Places Scheme at https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/safe-places |
| Noise | Help the person to feel comfortable as they may be anxious or upset |
| Chat Manager 2b | Don’t rush, stay calm and take time to listen,  |

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| Coffee Break 1 | Ask if the person would like to sit down and offer them a drink.  |
| Michael 2 | We may want a quiet place to sit if the place is crowded or noisy.  |
| Identity card | Ask if they have a Safe Places ID card or a phone number of someone to contact.  |
| Boss phone1 | Offer to call the number we have given you.   |
| Communication Aid 1 | 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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