

# SHERINGHAM: SAFETY FOR ALL SCHEME



## WHAT IS A VULNERABLE ADULT?

A vulnerable adult is **any person aged 18 or over who is, or may be, unable to take care of him or herself against significant harm or exploitation.** This may be because he or she has a mental health problem, a disability, a sensory impairment, is old or frail, or has some form of illness, dementia or confusion.



## WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR WHY REPORT VULNERABLE ADULTS TO THE POLICE?

Although the Care ACT OF 2014 makes the Local Authority and Adult Social Services the lead agencies in protecting adults at risk, **local communities have a responsibility and an important role** to play in preventing abuse, and reporting those who are disorientated, confused and possibly lost.

A vulnerable adult may often become disorientated. In a supportive community such as Sheringham, local people may well know the person and take them home. However, this does not ensure they have the wherewith all they need to look after themselves. **By reporting the vulnerable adult to the local police, adult social services receive a notification that this adult is requiring help.** The appropriate support systems can then be put in place.

## REPORTING A VULNERABLE ADULT

- **Try to persuade the person to stay where they are.**
- **If possible have two people with the vulnerable adult.**
- **Through conversation gather information re their details if possible.**



### FIND OUT MORE

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