

# Homeless



**A guide for people with learning disabilities on how to best support homeless people.**



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with learning disabilities



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# What can I do to support homeless people?



It can be difficult to know how to best support people who are homeless or asking you for money. Here are some tips.....



- It is best to be polite but it is not usually helpful to give money or get too involved.
- Although you may want to do more, it is important that you avoid putting yourself or the homeless person at risk by offering the wrong type of support.
- Tell your local police about anyone who is making you feel threatened, scared or continually asking you for money when you have already said no. **Call 101 or 999**





## More tips on how you can support homeless people

Here are some more things you can do to support homeless people.....



- Offer a smile or say hello.
- Buy extra shopping in supermarkets and donate to foodbanks.
- Help out at local fundraising and community events which offer support to those in crisis.
- Contact Street Link and give a description of the person you are concerned about.
- **Contact the police if you think the person is under 18 or at immediate risk.**
- **Call 101 or 999**

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**0300 500 0914**

## What does Street Link do and what next?

If you are concerned about someone who you think is homeless or in crisis, here's what you can do to help ....



**Contact Street Link by phone or email an online referral.**

Tell them about the homeless person. Give a detailed description about where and when you last saw them, and what they were wearing.



**The local authority or outreach service will be informed.** They will find the individual and help them to find the right support services such as housing, health and benefit teams.

**The outreach team will continue to support the person until they are off the streets.**

**This can take some time, but if you are still concerned, please continue to report the person to Street Link.**

