



Vulnerable Adults Policy

Scarsdale Public Library strives to provide a warm, welcoming and safe environment for all community members. The Library is particularly concerned for the safety of vulnerable adults* in and around the Library. A parent/guardian or caregiver who is 18 years of age or older is responsible for monitoring the activities and managing the behavior of vulnerable adults during their Library visits.

- A parent/guardian or caregiver is expected to ensure the vulnerable adult they are attending is following our [Code of Conduct Policy](#).
- The Library assumes no responsibility for vulnerable adults left unattended on the Library premises. Staff cannot monitor nor prevent vulnerable adults from leaving the building/grounds or assume responsibility for monitoring their behavior.
- In the event of a sudden emergency, the Library assumes no responsibility for unattended vulnerable adults.
- If the vulnerable adult is not picked up by closing, staff may notify the police.
- Library staff cannot drive vulnerable adults to any location, even at the request of the parent/caregiver.

Vulnerable minors are covered under our [Unattended Minors Policy](#).

Parents/guardians or caregivers who violate this policy risk having their Library privileges restricted or revoked.

* A vulnerable adult is an individual over the age of 18 who is mentally or physically challenged to a degree that significantly impairs the individual's ability to adequately provide for their own care or manage their own behavior without assistance.

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