West Yorkshire and Harrogate Youth Collective

Youth Safety & Rights Passport

Know your Rights • Stay Safe • Get Support

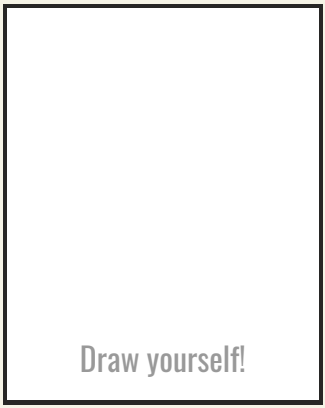


Created by young people, **for young people across West Yorkshire**

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Personal Details



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2. Given Names / Prénoms:

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6. Place of Birth / Lieu de naissance:

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7. Date of Issue / Date de délivrance:

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9. Holder's Signature / Signature du titulaire:

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Welcome to Your Passport



Why We Created This Passport

This passport was created by young people, for young people across West Yorkshire. We know that understanding your rights can feel complicated, especially when it comes to staying safe, and knowing where to turn when things get difficult.

This passport is yours to keep, use, and share.

This Passport Will Help You...

- **Feel Safer** — Understand what safety means in different terms and who you can turn to when you need support.
- **Know Your Rights** — Learn what your legal rights are in everyday situations including with police.
- **Protect Your Wellbeing** — Find contacts and guidance to look after your mental health and emotional wellbeing.
- **Access Support** — Discover trusted services, helplines, and contacts ready to help you across West Yorkshire.

What Does Feeling Safe Mean?

Physically Safe — Your body is free from harm, threat or unwanted contact. You feel comfortable in your surroundings.

Emotionally Safe — You feel respected, listened to and not judged. You can express yourself without fear of being hurt or put down.

Digitally Safe — You feel protected online, free from bullying, pressure or unwanted messages. You control what you share.

Feeling safe looks different for everyone. It is okay if your idea of safety is different from someone else's. What matters is that YOU feel secure, respected and supported wherever you are.

My Safe People



For example:

- *Family members*
- *Your local Youth Worker*
- *Your form tutor or head of year*
- *A trusted teacher you feel comfortable with*

These are the people I trust and can go to when I need help, feel unsafe or just need someone to talk to:

Name:

Relationship:

Name:

Relationship:

What if you don't feel safe?



999

Emergency Services

Call 999 immediately if you or someone else is in danger, a crime is happening right now, or someone is seriously hurt. This is for emergencies only - the police, fire service, or ambulance will aim to respond fast.

You can also text 999 if you are deaf, hard of hearing, or it is not safe to speak.

Stay calm, tell them your location, and describe what is happening. You will not get in trouble for calling 999 in a genuine emergency, it is always better to call and be safe.



101

Non-Emergency Police Line

Call 101 when you want to report a crime that has already happened and is not an emergency: such as theft, vandalism, or if you have information about criminal activity in your area.
It is free to call 101 from any phone, any time of day or night. You can also report non-emergency crimes online at westyorkshire.police.uk. When you report, you will be given a crime reference number (keep this safe as you may need it later).



0800 555 111

Crimestoppers — Report Anonymously

Call Crimestoppers free on 0800 555 111 or visit crimestoppers-uk.org to report crime completely anonymously (you never have to give your name). You can report drug dealing, knife crime, or anything that does not feel right in your community. There is also a dedicated Young Person's line and online form designed especially for under-18s.

Support for Victims



If something has happened to you or someone you know, you don't have to face it alone. There is support available.

Talk to a trusted adult, teacher, or youth worker. Your school/college may have a safeguarding lead who can help.

Contact Victim Support: 0808 168 9111 (free & confidential).

You are never to blame for a crime that happened to you.

Your Rights

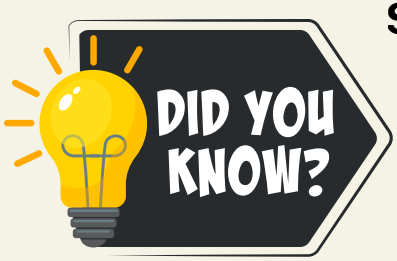


As a victim or witness, you have legal rights that must be respected by police, courts, and services:

- The right to be treated with dignity and respect.
- The right to be kept informed about your case.
- The right to legal representation if they are arrested or questioned by police.
- The right to be referred to specialist support
- The right to make a Victim Personal Statement.
- The right to request a special measure in court (e.g. screens, video link) if you feel unsafe.
- The right to support as a victim, which may include counselling, protection measures, and help through the justice system.

You can ask for an advocate or a trusted adult to support you through the process at any time.

The rights included in this passport are based on laws and official guidance that protect children and young people in England.
These include: the Code of Practice for Victims of Crime (Victims' Code) (2020), the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (PACE) and its Codes of Practice, and the Youth Justice and Criminal Evidence Act 1999.
Together, these laws ensure that young people are treated fairly and with respect, have access to support and legal advice, are kept informed, and are protected throughout the criminal justice process.



Stop & Search - Know your rights

If the police stop and search you, they must follow a procedure called **GOWISELY.** This helps make sure the search is carried out fairly, respectfully and lawfully.

GOWISELY explains the information the police must give you before or during a stop and search, including why you are being searched, what they are looking for, the legal power they are using, and your rights.

These requirements are set out in the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (PACE) and Code A of the PACE Codes of Practice.

- **G** Grounds: *Why they are searching you.*
- **O** Object: *What they are looking for.*
- **W** Warrant card: *Their ID if not in uniform.*
- **I** Identity: *Their name and station.*
- **S** Station: *Where they are based.*
- **E** Entitlement: *You can get a search record.*
- **L** Legal power used: *The specific section of the law allowing them to stop and search you.*
- **Y** You are detained: *The officer must verbally tell you that you are being detained for the purpose of a search*



Why Don't Young People Report Crime?

Many young people feel unsure or scared about reporting crime. Understanding these barriers is the first step to overcoming them.

Fear of Not Being Believed

Many young people worry adults won't take them seriously. Your voice matters — trained officers and support workers are here to listen without judgment

Fear of Retaliation

Worrying about what might happen if you speak up is very common. You can report anonymously via Crimestoppers (0800 555 111) — no name needed.

Not knowing if it's a crime

Sometimes things that feel 'normal' are actually against the law: like being pressured, threatened or controlled. If something feels wrong, it probably is. Trust your instincts and talk to someone you trust.

Remember: Reporting keeps you and others safe. You will be supported every step of the way.

How We Can Overcome This Together

- ✓ You can report anonymously at any time (No name)
- ✓ You won't get in trouble for coming forward
- ✓ Support is available before, during and after
- ✓ Your school, GP or youth worker can help you report safely
- ✓ Discuss the difference of 'reporting' to 'snitching'

🌱 Wellbeing

Check in with yourself regularly. Your mental health matters just as much as your physical health. It's okay not to be okay, but you don't have to face it alone. ***Circle how you feel today:***



😊 **Good** — You feel calm, safe, and in control. Keep doing what works for you!



😐 **Okay** — Things feel a bit up and down. Try talking to someone you trust or doing something you enjoy.



😔 **Struggling** — You might feel anxious, sad, or overwhelmed. Reach out- a friend, family member, or youth worker can help.



😟 **Crisis** — If you feel unsafe or in crisis, contact Childline (0800 1111), your GP, or call 999 in an emergency. **You matter.**

Remember: your feelings are valid. Talking about how you feel is a sign of strength, not weakness. There is always someone who cares.

💛 Self-Care

Small steps can make a big difference to how you feel. Try these self-care strategies whenever you need a boost:



Move Your Body — A short walk, dance, or stretch can lift your mood and reduce stress.



Talk It Out — Share how you're feeling with a trusted friend, family member, or teacher.



Rest & Recharge — Good sleep, healthy food, and time away from screens all help your mental health.

If you're worried about your mental health, speak to your GP, school teacher, youth worker or contact Young Minds at youngminds.org.uk or text YM to 85258 for free support anytime.

Everyday Safety Tips

Staying safe is something you can take charge of every day. These practical tips cover your online life, your personal safety, and getting around, so you feel confident and prepared wherever you are.

Online Safety 💻
Keep passwords strong and unique. Never share them with friends, even close ones. Use two-factor authentication on your accounts.

Think Before You Post
Once something is online, it can be very hard to remove. Ask yourself: would I be happy if anyone saw this? If not, don't post it or send it.

Protect Your Privacy
Check your privacy settings regularly. Don't accept friend requests from people you don't know in real life. Block and report anyone who makes you feel uncomfortable.

If someone online asks you to keep your conversations secret, pressures you to share images, or offers you gifts these could be warning signs. Tell a trusted adult if something feels wrong.

Personal & Travel Safety

Trust your instincts: if something feels wrong, it probably is.
Move to a busy, well-lit area. You don't have to stay in any situation that makes you uncomfortable. It's okay to leave if you feel unsafe.

Getting around safely — tips to keep in mind:

→Plan your route before you leave and let someone know where you're going and when you expect to arrive home.

→Keep your phone charged.

→Stay aware of your surroundings: Headphones low volume and stay in well lit poluated streets if possbile.

WalkSafe Leeds is a free app to help you have safer experiences when you are out around Leeds.

Remember: if you ever feel in immediate danger, call 999. For non- emergencies, call 101. You always have the right to ask for help. 💛

Useful Contacts

You are never alone. Whether you need emergency help, someone to talk to, or advice about your rights — these organisations are here for you, any time of day or night.

Emergency

999 — Emergency (Police, Fire, Ambulance). Call if you or someone else is in immediate danger. 101- Non-emergency police line. Report crime, ask for advice, or raise a concern.

Mental Health

Papyrus HOPELINEUK: 0800 068 4141. Support for young people having thoughts of suicide.

Young Minds: Text YM to 85258. Free mental health support for young people.

Youth Support

Childline — 0800 1111 (free, 24/7). Confidential support for young people up to 19.

- Victim Support - 0300 303 1971 (Monday to Friday, 9 am to 5 pm).
- Out-of-Hours: Call the 24/7 Supportline at 08 08 16 89 111.

Local & Online Support

- **Kooth —** kooth.com. Free safe online mental health support for young people.
- **West Yorkshire Police** — westyorkshire.police.uk. Find local policing teams and safety advice.
- **Mind**- mind.org.uk. Mental health information and support.
- **Victim Support**- victimsupport.org.uk Access 24/7 live chat

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Thank You

This passport was created by young people, for young people across West Yorkshire. We hope it helps you feel safer, more informed, and more confident in knowing your rights and support available.

You are not alone. Whatever you are going through ,there are people who care and services ready to support you.

Your voice matters and your safety matters.

If you have any feedback on this passport or would like to get involved with the West Yorkshire Youth Collective, we would love to hear from you.

Stay Connected

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