



Clinton Community Library

VULNERABLE ADULT POLICY

A vulnerable adult is an individual over the age of 18 who is mentally or physically challenged to a degree that may significantly impair that person's ability to provide adequately for his/her personal need and manage their behavior without assistance.

A parent/guardian or caregiver 18 years of age or older must be responsible for monitoring the activities and managing the behavior of a vulnerable adult during their Library visit.

Vulnerable Adults Unattended at Closing Time

Caregivers/guardians who are accompanying vulnerable adults who use the library are expected to know library hours of operation. Caregivers/guardians should also remember that the library may unexpectedly close due to inclement weather, systems loss (heat, electricity, etc.) or other reasons out of the control of library staff. Library staff may not accompany vulnerable adults outside the library or give them a ride home. Should there be vulnerable adults left unattended in the library at closing, library personnel will proceed as follows:

1. Have the vulnerable adult make contact with their caregiver/guardian for a ride home.
2. If no ride arrives after fifteen minutes, staff will contact the Sheriff's Department and wait with the vulnerable adult for their arrival.
3. Written record will be made of the vulnerable adult's address, phone number and caregiver/guardian's contact information.
4. Caregivers/guardians, once located, will be given a copy of the Vulnerable Adult Policy

Library personnel are at liberty to enforce this policy as they see fit.

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