



CHAPTER 11: VULNERABLE PATRON POLICY

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Everyone is welcome in our libraries. We are concerned about the safety and welfare of all our patrons, including children. We recognize parent/guardian responsibility for the behavior and well-being of those in their charge, and respect the privacy of all library patrons. We intervene only when we determine a patron is at risk.

A **VULNERABLE PATRON** is anyone whose immediate health and safety is in doubt.

- If a **VULNERABLE CHILD** comes to the attention of library staff, an attempt will be made to contact a parent or guardian. If a parent or guardian cannot be reached, local law enforcement will be contacted.
- If a **VULNERABLE ADULT** comes to the attention of library staff, an attempt will be made to contact a family member or guardian. If a family member or guardian cannot be reached, local law enforcement will be contacted.