

# VALERIE

Valerie is aged 15 years. She lives in town with her mum and dad. Valerie goes to the L'Arche/Gateway Club every Friday evening from 7.00 pm to 10.00 pm and is able to walk there as the club meets close to her home. One evening on her way to the club, she is chased by a dog and bitten on the ankle. Valerie is very upset and wants to go home but is afraid to turn back in case the dog chases her again.

There is a shop nearby and Valerie knows the lady, Mrs Bell, who owns it, as she gets her coke there on her way to the club. Valerie decides to go into the shop and ask Mrs Bell to phone her mum and ask her to come and collect her.

There are other people on the street but Valerie doesn't know them, a lady comes over and says she will take Valerie to the hospital but as Valerie doesn't know this lady she says "No thank you" - Valerie remembered what her teacher had taught her about keeping safe.

When Valerie gets to the shop Mrs Bell phones her mum who comes right away and takes her home. Valerie's mother praises her for doing the right thing.

**SOME POINTS FOR INITIAL DISCUSSION –  
OTHERS WILL EMERGE**

**Rules for getting help - who can help us?**

**Rules about people we don't know.**

**How to make a telephone call - even if you have no money.**

**Do you know your telephone number? If not, do you carry your telephone number with you?**