

# Message in a Bottle Scheme

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*We have been in contact with "Lions Club" who provide free of charge a "message in a bottle" scheme.*



# What is “Message in a Bottle” Scheme

A Message in a Bottle is a voluntary scheme for anyone living at home, who might be reassured to know that essential information would be readily available to the emergency services should they suffer an accident or sudden illness. The scheme ensures that vital information is available not only to identify you, but to advise of relevant illnesses, allergies, medication and contact address.

## When time is saved, lives are saved

When emergency services see medical information and personal details of a patient they can render safer and speedier First Aid by short cutting time consuming fact finding enquiries about the patient.

A form is placed inside the bottle which has been completed and up to date information. The bottle has been given out to our elderly and vulnerable patients.

A similar scheme has also been developed for carers and were given out at the carers fair. These are available from Southwark carers should we need more.



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# How does it work?

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A bottle is provided which is left in the fridge door for emergency services should they be called to the house. A sticker is left inside the front door to inform the ambulance/ emergency services that there is message in a bottle.

In the event of an accident or incident, within the home, the first emergency service on scene will be alerted to the bottle by the label on the door.

The bottle then can be located by the attending services.

