

**THE BAG**  
**- A FILM**  
**NOT TO BE**  
**AFRAID OF**

*A silent film by elderly people about elderly people – for diversity and security*

## *Security – what is it really?*

Security is a matter of good relations with fellow-beings of different ages and backgrounds and life experience. The basis of security is trust and sincerity.

## *Diversity – living together*

It is important to contribute to dialogue to increase understanding between people from different countries and cultures. Differences between people are an asset.

## *The film as an instrument*

The film “The bag – a film not to be afraid of” is not an information film. It is a good basis for group discussion of difficult questions such as feeling secure, exposure to crime, solidarity and democracy. It is a tool for an exchange of experience to increase

The film had its première in Gothenburg in the autumn of 2010 and is addressed to elderly people themselves. To all Sweden’s pensioners, native or immigrant. At the same time it is also intended for all of you who meet elderly people regularly in your work or in societies and associations outside work and contribute to solidarity and cordial relationships.

The film, which runs for 19 minutes, is not intended to stand by itself but is a tool and an introduction to group discussions. Instructional material is therefore included. This contains advice and hints, case studies/actual examples and questions as a

understanding of the fact that perceptions may vary according to age, gender and background.

## *Spreading knowledge*

The film aims to stimulate discussion of ideas both to create security and promote good health and to spread information concerning prevention of crime, fire and accidental falls. It also raises the question of support for victims of crime.

## *Elderly people as victims of crime*

One of the findings of a new study conducted jointly by Gothenburg University, the Criminal Victim Compensation and Support Authority and the City of Gothenburg is that elderly people who become victims of crime do not always receive the support they need. Many do not know where to turn for help.

support for conversation and discussion concerning security after the film has been shown. This can all be ordered free of charge.

The instructional material is also available in English. The film is available in twelve languages on the same disc – Swedish, Finnish, Persian, Turkish, Arabic, Polish, Spanish, Somali, English, Italian, Greek and SCB (Serbian/Croatian/Bosnian).

The instructional material and the film may be ordered free of charge from the crime prevention council or from the city’s sports and association management department. Addresses:

*Goteborgs centrala brottsförebyggande råd, Tryggare och Mänskligare Göteborg*

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## *The people who made the film*

The working party Äldre och trygghet [Elderly People and Security] was formed in the autumn of 2003 on the initiative of the Gothenburg City Pensioners’ Council and the Gothenburg Crime Prevention Council, A More Secure and More Humane Gothenburg. The breadth of the co-operation is striking. So many people have contributed so much for so long to increase the security of elderly people.

Many immigrants who came to Sweden in the 1980s are now approaching retirement age. It is known that people often revert to their native language as they get older. Suddenly they can no longer make themselves understood. A film on elderly people and

security is important in contributing to knowledge of crime prevention, avoiding accidents, obtaining information, creating involvement and combating isolation and loneliness.

Many meetings with a series of different pensioners’ associations containing immigrant members have also shown that there is a great need for information and knowledge with regard to security, whom to turn to, how to obtain help and what one can do oneself. At these meetings it was also clear that a film would be a good starting point for discussion and dissemination of knowledge. We decided to make such a film about and with pensioners.

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*Regional SIOS Göteborg i Västra Götalandsregionen* (SIOS) [Co-ordinating Body for Ethnic Organizations in Sweden]

*Sveriges Pensionärsförbund* (SPF) [Swedish Pensioners’ Association]

*Sveriges Pensionärs Riksförbund* (SPRF) [Swedish Association of Retired Persons]

*Pensionärernas Riksorganisation* (PRO) [National Pensioners’ Organization]

*Riksförbundet PensionärsGemenskap* (RPG) [National Pensioners’ Community Association]

*Svenska KommunalPensionärernas Förbund* (SKPF) [Swedish Municipal Pensioners’ Association]

*ABF Göteborg* [Workers’ Educational Association, Gothenburg]

*Brottsofferjouren i Göteborg* (BOJ) [Swedish Association for Victim Support]

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*Jämställdhet- och mångfaldsgruppen, Göteborgs Stad* [Equality and Diversity Group, City of Gothenburg]

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