

BSA's Youth Protection Program Follows A Five-Point Strategy:

1. Educating Scouting volunteers, parents, and Scouts to aid in the detection and prevention of child abuse
2. Establishing leader selection procedures to prevent offenders from entering the BSA leadership ranks
3. Establishing policies that create barriers to child abuse within the program
4. Encouraging Scouts to report improper behavior in order to identify offenders quickly
5. Swift removal and reporting of alleged offenders

- No hazing.
- No bullying.
- Youth leadership is monitored by adult leaders.
- Discipline must be constructive.
- Appropriate attire is required for all activities.
- Members are responsible for acting according to the Scout Oath and Scout Law.
- Units are responsible for enforcing Youth Protection policies.
- Two-deep leadership is required on all outings.
- One-on-one contact between an adult and a Scout is prohibited.
- Separate accommodations for adults and Scouts are required.
- Privacy of youth is respected.
- Inappropriate use of cameras and imaging and digital devices is prohibited.
- No secret organizations.

Scouting's Barriers to Abuse:



YOUTH PROTECTION Q & A



- Q: What happens to those who are reported as having violated a BSA Youth Protection policy?
A: Local Scout executive takes appropriate action.
- Q: What is true about two-deep leadership?
A: One adult must be a registered leader, and at least one registered leader and another adult are required on all Scouting trips and outings.
- Q: If parents give permission, can the unit conduct outings without adhering to the two-deep leadership policy?
A: No.
- Q: It is okay for an adult leader to take a Scout on a walk alone while at camp?
A: No.
- Q: Are Merit Badge Counselors exempt from the no one-on-one policy since they have undergone criminal background checks?
A: No.
- Q: Under what circumstances may the respect of privacy policy be suspended?
A: If the health or safety of a youth is compromised.
- Q: What should you do if you observe a youth taking inappropriate photos that could violate another's privacy?
A: Stop the behavior immediately; Report the incident to the person in charge of the activity and the local Scout executive as soon as possible; Confiscate the device and give it to the person in charge of the activity.
- Q: Are Scouts permitted to sleep in the Scoutmaster's tent when camping, as long as more than one Scout sleeps in that tent?
A: No.
- Q: Do the Boy Scouts of America allow any secret organizations as part of its program?
A: No.
- Q: Are all aspects of the Scouting program open to observation by parents and leaders?
A: Yes.
- Q: Is corporal punishment permitted in the Scouting program under any circumstances?
A: No.
- Q: What BSA Youth Protection policies create barriers against child molesters being able to target their victims?
A: No one-on-one contact; Two-deep leadership.

- Q: Is light hazing in Scouting permitted with full adult leader supervision?
A: No.
- Q: Which of the following may be signs a Scout has been bullied?
A: Cuts and bruises; Nervousness around another particular Scout; Frequent absences.
- Q: Do adult leaders in Scouting and parents have an obligation to recognize and address bullying issues in Scouting?
A: Yes.
- Q: What can you do as an adult leader or parent to create an anti-bullying culture?
A: Stop any bullying behavior immediately; Tell the bully his actions are unacceptable and must stop; Always model kind behavior.
- Q: Should adult leaders and parents address "cyber bullying" with the same urgency as physical bullying?
A: Yes.
- Q: Should youth leaders administer constructive discipline—adhering to Scouting principles—when adult leaders are not present?
A: No.
- Q: The membership of any adult or youth in the BSA may be revoked for violating the following membership responsibilities?
A: No physical violence, hazing, bullying or theft; No verbal insults; No drugs or alcohol.
- Q: Must the chartered organization approve the registration of every adult leader in all units chartered by the organization?
A: Yes.
- Q: If you witness a violation of a Youth Protection policy, what should you do?
A: Report the violation to the person on site in charge of the activity and to the local Scout executive immediately.
- Q: Must you accept a youth's report of abuse at face value?
A: Yes.
- Q: Is skinny-dipping permitted?
A: No.
- Q: What should you do when you either suspect abuse or there is an indication of abuse?
A: Report your information to appropriate local authorities; Report your information to the person in charge of the activity and to the local Scout executive immediately.