



# FACT SHEET

## Reporting Suspected or Observed Bullying

### Areas requiring an immediate report to local BSA Council Scout Executive

Bullying as a broad term can encompass many areas, from teasing, pranking, on-line cyberbullying to punching, hitting and all forms of harassment. While we cannot account for all behavior these below areas must be reported to the council Scout executive for action *immediately*:

- Any threat or usage of a weapon
- Any behavior associated with race, religion, sexual identity/orientation, or disability
- Any reports to authorities BSA's Mandatory Report of Child Abuse Policy applies
- Any abuse of a child that meets or exceeds state reporting mandates for bullying or harassment
- Any concern or threat of suicide

### Action Plan

1. Stop the abuse, bullying, or policy violation.
2. Protect the Scout/Youth
3. Summon assistance needed from other leaders, authorities etc
4. Take corrective action
5. Notify council Scout executive when warranted
6. Check back with the target youth to insure the problem behavior has stopped

*Scouts are watching you and are likely to model your behavior.*

*Remember - Most targets of bullying will not report or ask for help, and may not admit to being bullied for fear of retaliation or reprisal.*

You can find the contact information for your local council Scout executive at [www.Scouting.org/YouthProtection](http://www.Scouting.org/YouthProtection)