



Dear Participant,

Thank you for completing the Boy Scouts of America Youth Protection training course. This training meets the registration requirements for adult leaders and describes the policies to help keep our members safer while participating in Scouting activities. It is important to stress that while we believe these policies are effective in protecting youth, participants in your program may still be at risk of child abuse. Protection of our members requires vigilance in observing Scout activities and immediate intervention when a policy violation occurs.

All persons involved in Scouting must report to local authorities—without undue delay—any good-faith suspicion or belief that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect. You should not delegate this responsibility to anyone else, and no one should interfere with this reporting responsibility or attempt to delay or dissuade you from making a report to the authorities.

Please contact my office as soon as possible to inform us of any report to authorities that relates to suspected abuse in the Scouting program. In addition, you are responsible for informing us of any violation of BSA's Youth Protection policies so we may take appropriate action.

The Greater Los Angeles Area Council and the Boy Scouts of America are deeply indebted to you and the millions of other volunteers who work hard to deliver the Scouting program to America's youth. The vast majority of these dedicated individuals have only the welfare of our members at heart. Unfortunately, a very small percentage of people have misused their Scouting position to harm children. As an adult leader of the BSA or a parent, you are the "early warning system" to protect our members.

Thank you for your dedicated service.

Yours in Scouting,

Charles Keathley
Scout Executive
Greater Los Angeles Area Council, BSA



Greater Los Angeles Area Council, Boy Scouts of America Youth Protection Reporting Procedures

BSA Youth Protection Policies

There are two types of Youth Protection–related reporting:

- When you witness or suspect any child has been abused or neglected—See “*Mandatory Report of Child Abuse*” below.
- When you witness a violation of the BSA’s Youth Protection policies—See “*Reporting Violations of BSA Youth Protection Policies*” below.

Mandatory Report of Child Abuse

All persons involved in Scouting shall report to local authorities any good-faith suspicion or belief that any child is or has been physically or sexually abused, physically or emotionally neglected, exposed to any form of violence or threat, exposed to any form of sexual exploitation, including the possession, manufacture, or distribution of child pornography, online solicitation, enticement, or showing of obscene material. *No person may abdicate this reporting responsibility to any other person.*

Steps to Reporting Child Abuse

1. Ensure the child is in a safe environment.
2. In cases of child abuse or medical emergencies, call 911 immediately. In addition, if the suspected abuse is in the Scout’s home or family, you are required to contact the DSFS Child Protective Hotline at 1-800-540-4000.
3. Notify the Scout executive or his designee during his absence. (See contact names/numbers below.)

Reporting Violations of BSA Youth Protection Policies

If you have reason to believe any of the BSA’s Youth Protection policies, including those described within *Scouting’s Barriers to Abuse* have been violated, you must notify your local council Scout executive so he may take appropriate action for the safety of our Scouts.

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In the event of an emergency, dial 911.

Local Hotline Name: DSFS Child Protective Hotline

Local Hotline Telephone: 1-800-540-4000

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Youth Protection can be achieved only through the shared involvement of everyone in Scouting.

Remember—Youth Protection Begins With YOU.®

For more information about the BSA’s Youth Protection policies,
visit <http://www.scouting.org/YouthProtection.aspx>.



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