

## Child Protection (Safeguarding) Policy

1. Child Protection is our number one concern. Warranted Leaders complete training and follow a Code of Behaviour also referred to as 'Young People First' or the 'yellow card', which is carried at all times.
2. The Scout Association's Child Protection Policy provides clear guidelines for child protection (see below) and all adults aged 18 or over within Scouting are responsible for the operation of the Policy.
3. It is the responsibility of all adults (including Occasional Helpers) to ensure that:
  - their behaviour is appropriate at all times;
  - they observe the rules established for the safety and security of young people;
  - they follow the procedures following suspicion, disclosure or allegation of child abuse;
  - they recognise the position of trust in which they have been placed;
  - in every respect, the relationships they form with the young people under their care are appropriate.

## Safe Scouting Emergency Procedures

1. The Purple Card (Safe Scouting and what to do in an emergency) is for all adults in Scouting. It contains essential information.

## Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)

1. A DBS check is carried out on all volunteers.

## Raising a Concern

1. If you or a young person has a concern, please speak to the Group Scout Leader.

## The Scout Association Child Protection Policy

1. It is the policy of The Scout Association to safeguard the welfare of all Members by protecting them from neglect and from physical, sexual and emotional harm. Accordingly The Scout Association is committed to:

- taking into account, in all its considerations and activities, the interests and well-being of young people;
- respecting the rights, wishes and feelings of the young people with whom it is working;
- taking all reasonable practicable steps to protect them from neglect, physical, sexual and emotional harm;
- promoting the welfare of young people and their protection within a relationship of trust.

## Young People First Code of Behaviour

The Code lists the Dos and Don'ts including:

- DO set an example you would wish others to follow.
- DO plan activities that involve more than one other person being present, or at least are within sight and hearing of others.
- DO avoid unacceptable situations within a relationship of trust e.g. a sexual relationship with a youth Member over the age of consent.
- DO have separate sleeping accommodation for young people, adults and Young Leaders working with a younger section.
- DO allow young people to talk about any concerns they may have.
- DO make everyone aware of the Association's child protection procedures - young people, parents/carers, Young Leaders and other helpers.
- DO remember someone else might misinterpret your actions, no matter how well-intentioned.
- DO NOT engage in inappropriate behaviour or contact - physical, verbal, sexual.

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