

Campsites, activity centres and other Scout owned facilities

1. Emergency procedure Overriding Controls

The Campsite / Facility Manager or their representatives, have an overriding authority to direct that any particular activity shall be postponed, stopped or cancelled if, in their view, it is essential in the interests of safety.

2a. The Child Protection Policy of The Scout Association

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

All adults within Scouting are responsible for the operation of the Association's Child Protection Policy. It is the responsibility of all adults 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; and,
- in every respect, the relationships they form with the young people under their care are appropriate.

Note: the guidelines 'Young People First' [the yellow card] set out a code of good practice which is essential for all adults in Scouting to follow. Every adult should have a copy of the code of good practice 'Young People First' [yellow card].

2b. The Safety Policy of The Scout Association

It is the policy of The Scout Association to provide Scouting in a safe manner without risk to health, so far as is reasonably practicable. The Association believes that this responsibility ranks equally with the other responsibilities incumbent upon those providing Scouting activities and functions.

It is the responsibility of all those involved in Scouting to seek, as far as is reasonably practical, to ensure that:

- all activities are conducted in a safe manner without risk to health of participants;
- the provision and maintenance of equipment and buildings for members and others is safe and without risk to health and adequate for their welfare;
- information, instruction, training and supervision is provided with the object of ensuring the health and safety of all those involved in Scouting activities or who may be affected by them;
- appropriate arrangements are made to ensure safety and the absence of risks to health in connection with the use, transport, storage and handling of equipment, and substances which are inherently or potentially dangerous.

3. The Scout Association's internal rules and good practice

- All participants in activities must have received proper training, be suitably equipped and briefed about the nature and scope of the activity, be of an appropriate age and be subject to authorised supervision.
- For young people under the age of eleven years old there must be a ratio of one adult to eight young people.
- For young people under the age of eight years old it is highly recommended that for outdoor activities a ratio of one adult to six young people.
- Group / Party leaders should be aware of the need to supervise all members in their charge in the locality of the activity being undertaken, including those not actively involved in the activity.
- All parties and Groups visiting the Campsite must appoint a 'Home Contact' who is not related to any member of the party. The Home Contact must be in possession of the names and addresses of the next of kin of each member of the party and know how to contact them.

Declaration

- ◆ I understand the Campsite / Facility Manager, or their representative may direct that any particular activity shall be postponed, stopped or cancelled in accordance with (1)
- ◆ I have read and agree that the party I am leading will abide by The Scout Association's Child Protection and Safety Policies as outlined in parts (2a & 2b) overleaf.
- ◆ I have been made aware of The Scout Associations internal rules and good practice in respect of point (3) overleaf. I am satisfied that our/my organisation's arrangements take proper account of these matters.
- ◆ I confirm that all adults in my party have been deemed as suitable to work with children and young people by my own organisation.

Signed.....

Date.....

(for the organisation/group)

Name (please print)

Address

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Name of organisation/group.....

Position held