

YOUTH PROTECTION OVERVIEW

The problem of child abuse has become one of the most significant social problems facing our nation. Recent public opinion polls rank the problem of child abuse second only to drug abuse as a national concern. Your participation in this training and your promotion of training for all Scouters, Scouts and your community is critical. It reflects not only your concern about children's safety in this society, but also your willingness to take steps toward halting child abuse and its detrimental effects.

B.S.A. YOUTH PROTECTION GUIDELINES

- ❖ Two-Deep Leadership
- ❖ No One-On-One Contact
- ❖ Respect of Privacy including Digital
- ❖ Separate Accommodations
- ❖ Proper High Adventure Preparation
- ❖ No Secret Organizations
- ❖ Appropriate Attire
- ❖ Constructive Discipline
- ❖ Hazing and Bullying Prohibited
- ❖ Junior Leader Training & Supervision

Adherence to these policies not only enhances the protection of our membership, but ensures that the basic values of Scouting are preserved. All of these policies are designed to create barriers to abuse within the Scouting program.



BSA FIVE POINT STRATEGY

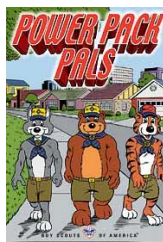
Guiding the BSA's Youth Protection is a five-point strategy to prevent child abuse.

1. Educate Scouting professionals, volunteers, parents, and youth members to aid in the detection and prevention of child abuse.
2. Support chartered organizations in their leader selection to defend against suspected or alleged abusers entering BSA leadership ranks.
3. Strengthen policies that create barriers to child abuse within the Scouting program.
4. Encourage the immediate reporting of improper behavior or violations of BSA policy.
5. Identify and swiftly remove suspected or alleged abusers.



THE THREE R'S OF YOUTH PROTECTION

Members of the Boy Scouts of America are taught the Three R's of Youth Protection. This stresses that the child needs to **RECOGNIZE** situations that place him at risk of being molested, how child molesters operate, and that anyone can be a molester. The child needs to know that if he **RESISTS**, most child molesters will leave him alone. And, if the child **REPORTS** attempted or actual molestation he will help protect himself as well as other children from further abuse, and will not be blamed for what occurred.



EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES TO BECOME INVOLVED

Along with conducting Youth Protection training for the council Scouting units, the Youth Protection committee is involved in community programs bringing our message to as many youth as possible. We are only limited in what we can do by our imagination and the number of volunteers who are involved. We invite you to become a member of our committee and to bring with you your enthusiasm and concern for the young boys and girls in the communities we serve. Please contact Dennis Kohl at 973-765-9322x245 or dennis.kohl@scouting.org.

ADULT YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING

Current Youth Protection certification is a **REQUIRED** training for all **REGISTERED ADULTS**. Registration for new adult leaders will not be approved without proof of Youth Protection training. The Certificate of Completion for training must be submitted at the time the initial application is made and before volunteer service with youth begins.

Youth Protection can be taken online or in a class UPON REQUEST (contact your District Executive if your unit would like to have a facilitator do a class).

Youth Protection Training must be **RENEWED** every two years. If a volunteer's Youth Protection Training record is not current at the time of recharter, the volunteer will not be reregistered.

ONLINE TRAINING

If you are a new Leader:

1. Visit www.myscouting.org
2. Click create an account. Enter a user name. Select I am new and don't know my number. Fill in the form. Check your email for a link to verify your email.
3. Select a password.
4. Sign in with the user name and password just created.
5. Select E-Learning on left side bar.
6. Scroll down and select Take Course for Youth Protection.
7. **When finished, print your personalized certificate and attach to your BSA application.**



If you are a currently registered leader:

1. Visit www.myscouting.org
2. Sign in or create an account.
3. Choose Patriots' Path Council #358 as your council.
4. Please include your membership number in your profile.
5. Select E-learning from the left sidebar.
6. Scroll down and select Take Course next to Youth Protection.
7. **Keep a copy of your certificate for your records. You may be asked to provide it in the future.**

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