

# Boy Scout Youth Protection and Bullying Awareness - Resources

The idea that a Scout should treat others as he or she wants to be treated—a Scout is kind—is woven throughout the programs and literature of the Boy Scouts of America. When a Scout follows the principles of the Scout Oath and Scout Law, bullying and hazing situations should never occur. These fact sheets will help with bullying awareness and direct you to resources provided by the BSA and other entities we work with to protect children.

- [A Scout Is Kind Newsletter](#)
- [Bullying—What is Bullying?](#)
- [Bullying Prevention Guide](#)
- [Creating a Bullying-Free Culture in Scouting](#)
- [What to Do if Your Child Is Being Bullied](#)
- [Prevention of Cyberbullying in Scouting](#)
- [Reporting Suspected or Observed Bullying](#)
- [Providing Support to Scouts Who Are Bullied](#)
- [The Bully](#)
- [Prevention of Bullying in Scouting—Unit Discussions](#)
- [Myths about Bullying](#)



Source: <http://www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection/bullying.aspx>

The following resources may also be used by parents and leaders in their efforts to protect youth. Several are available for purchase. Visit your local Scout shop or [www.scoutstuff.org](http://www.scoutstuff.org).

## Boy Scout Leader Youth Protection Training

Topics covered include the BSA's Youth Protection policies, kinds of abuse, signs of abuse, how to respond to disclosure of abuse, and proper reporting procedures.

[Take Course Online](#) | [DVD Available](#) |

[Facilitator's Guide English](#) |

[Facilitator's Guide Spanish](#)



## A Time to Tell / Hora de Contarlo

Introduces the "three R's" of Youth Protection and should be viewed by troops annually.

[English](#)

[Español](#)



## Camp Leadership ... A Guide for Camp Staff and Unit Leaders

Brochure for camp staff who are responsible for providing a safe and healthy camp setting where Scouts are free from the worries of child abuse.



[Leadership Guide](#)

## Cyber Chip

To help families and volunteers keep youth safe while online. Topics include cyberbullying, cell phone use, texting, blogging, gaming, and identity theft.

[View Online](#)

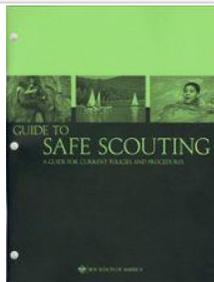


## The Guide to Safe Scouting

Youth Protection & Adult Leadership.

[View Online](#)

[Purchase](#)



## How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide

A booklet, included in the printed handbooks, providing tips to help parents talk with their sons about child abuse.

[English](#)

[Español - COMING SOON](#)



<http://www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection/BoyScout.aspx>

## YPT - Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

The following are answers to some of the questions we have received about these important updates. To read more, visit: [www.scouting.org/youthprotection](http://www.scouting.org/youthprotection).

### Q1: What is your policy?

A1: All registered adult volunteers—no matter what their position entails—must complete Youth Protection training.

### Q2: Why is Youth Protection Training Required?

A2: Youth safety is of paramount importance to the Boy Scouts of America, therefore, it is important to implement this training at all levels of the organization. The BSA is always reevaluating and reassessing its policies to ensure the safest youth program and the best training are offered. The BSA's Youth Protection training has been in existence long enough for it to be understood and accepted as a mandated training for all registered BSA adult volunteers.

### Q3: When does Youth Protection Training have to be taken?

A3: All registered leaders are required to renew their Youth Protection training every two years. No individual leader will be able to register without being up-to-date on his or her Youth Protection training.

### Q4: Is there a grace period to get all registered adults trained?

A4: If a leader's Youth Protection training is not current, the volunteer must take or renew this training immediately. Every effort should be taken so that all adults involved in Scouting have a current certificate of completion of the youth protection training.

### Q5: Does "all registered volunteers" mean all registered volunteers — even board members and council presidents?

A5: Yes. The goal is to have all registered volunteers Youth Protection trained. This is important to the Boy Scouts of America as a youth organization and reinforces the BSA's commitment to the well-being of all youth members and volunteers.

### Q6: I am sure I know all there is to know about youth protection. Can I "test out" by only taking the Youth Protection online quiz?

A6: No. Youth protection requires sustained vigilance and a commitment to helping protect youth. You must complete the entire online training in order for your Youth Protection certificate to be valid. This ensures you receive the latest information on BSA Youth Protection.

### Q7: Does the executive officer (institutional head) of a unit need to take Youth Protection training?

A7: We believe everyone should take youth protection training, however, the executive officer is not a registered leader so, he or she is not required to complete Youth Protection training, although it is strongly recommended. If the executive officer is a registered member of the BSA, then he or she must complete Youth Protection training.

### Q8: I am a Tiger Cub adult partner and ScoutParent. Do I need to take Youth Protection training?

A8: All registered adults are required to take Youth Protection training. The Tiger Cub adult partner and ScoutParent designations are not registered adult positions; therefore, mandatory Youth Protection training is not required. However, under the initiative "Youth Protection Begins with You," it is strongly recommended, however, that all adults involved in Scouting take Youth Protection training.

### Q9: I am an Explorer post Advisor. Does this new policy apply to me?

A9: Yes. All registered adults are required to take Youth Protection training.

### Q10: Do leaders need to wait until they have final clearance on the background check to meet with youth?

A10: No. As long as their application is fully completed, submitted to the council service center, and approved, they will be able to interact with other registered & trained adult leaders and youth members while the criminal background check (CBC) is still pending.

### Q11: Do merit badge counselors need to take Youth Protection training?

A11: Yes. A merit badge counselor is a registered volunteer position.

### Q12: Can units that have some adult leaders who have not completed Youth Protection training be rechartered?

A12: In order for a unit to be rechartered, it must have all the required positions filled with Youth Protection–trained adults. Adults who do not have current (within the past two years) Youth Protection training will not be reregistered.

**Q13: Can a council or district organize Youth Protection group training for its adults?**

A13: Yes. It is encouraged that adults take the training via the online module, but the instructor-led model is still acceptable as long as the most current version of the Youth Protection DVD is used and the end-of-course quiz is proctored by the trainer at the end of the training session. Reminder: It is critical that training completion certificates be issued after successful completion and that a formal training record roster be submitted to the council registrar so proper credit can be recorded in the profiles of each participant.

**Q14: Will both the regular and Venturing leader versions of Youth Protection training meet the requirement?**

A14: Yes, as long as the most current versions of the DVDs are used for group training. The online version is the preferred method, as it allows for those taking the training to get one-on-one training and take all the time they need for review. The individual is issued an immediate certificate of completion, which allows for the updating of the volunteer’s ScoutNet record.

**Q15: If a person is not a registered leader, how can he or she log in and take the Youth Protection training?**

A15: A person does not have to be a registered volunteer to take Youth Protection training. To take the training, log in to [myscouting.org](http://myscouting.org) and click on create an account. After you have confirmed your new *MyScouting* account user name and password, log in to [myscouting.org](http://myscouting.org) and click on e-training to begin the Youth Protection training. Upon completion, print a certificate to submit with a completed adult leader application to the unit leader or your local council representative for processing. Remember to keep a copy for your records.

Once the application is approved, the new leader will receive his or her membership card with their member ID. It is important that new members log back in to [myscouting.org](http://myscouting.org) and update their profile with this member ID to receive credit for completing this and any other training.

## Youth Protection Reporting

The *Youth Protection/Membership Incident Reporting Form* and its supplemental information may be required for reporting abuse such as bullying. This form is to be used for documenting and reporting any bullying incidents that are considered violations of BSA policies or guidelines, violations of criminal or child abuse statutes, and/or behavior unbecoming of a Scout. The form is available as part of the local council’s **Health and Safety** Folder.

### Incident Information Form/Supplement

Allegations of abuse, violations of BSA policies or guidelines, or inappropriate behavior by a Scout, Scout leader, parent, or other person should be reported on this form. The information on this form is confidential, and the completed form should be forwarded to the council Scout executive as soon as practical.

[http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/680-676\\_WEB.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/680-676_WEB.pdf)

### Youth Protection Position Statement

This document includes the BSA’s youth protection policies and procedures, available online resources, and instructions for reporting youth protection/membership incidents. [http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/680-677\\_WEB.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/680-677_WEB.pdf)

# Youth Protection Training Notice

Take Youth Protection Training



You need not be a registered member or have a member ID to take Youth Protection Training (YPT).

If you are applying as a new leader or merit badge counselor, you need to take YPT:

1. Go to: <http://myscouting.scouting.org>.
2. Create a new *My Scouting* account and password.
3. From the menu on the left, click *E-Learning*.
4. From the *General* tab, scroll down to *Youth Protection Training* and click *Take Course*.
5. When you complete the course, print a *Certificate of Completion* to submit with your volunteer application, or submit the certificate to the unit leader for processing at the local council.

When your volunteer application is approved, you will receive a BSA membership card, which includes your member ID number. **You must enter this member ID into your *MyScouting* profile so that your local council has a record of the training you have taken online.** To do this, log into *MyScouting*, click *My Profile*, and enter your member *ID number*. This links your Youth Protection training, and any other *MyScouting* training, to your BSA membership.

A screenshot of the MyScouting website's login and registration page. The page is titled "Español" in the top left corner. It is divided into two main sections: "Sign in to MyScouting" and "New to MyScouting?". The "Sign in" section has fields for "User Name" and "Password", a "Forgot your User Name or password?" link, and a "Sign in" button. The "New to MyScouting?" section has a "Create an account to:" heading, a bulleted list of benefits (take Youth Protection and other BSA training, access unit, district, and council tools, register for events, keep in touch with members and alumni), a "Watch account creation demo" link, and a "Create an account" button. A disclaimer at the bottom states: "This page is not intended for users under 13 years of age. Jamboree youth registration must be completed by a parent or guardian from the parent or guardian's MyScouting account. For a detailed privacy policy, click the Privacy Policy link below. For best performance, use Internet Explorer 9.0 & above or FireFox 3.0 & above." The footer includes the BSA logo, copyright information for 2012, and links for "Join", "Follow", "Jobs", "Media", "Privacy Policy", "Terms of Use", and "Site Map".

## What are the system requirements for MyScouting?

For optimal performance, we suggest at least 512 MB of RAM. These browsers are supported: Internet Explorer 6.0 (or more recent) and Mozilla Firefox 2.0 (or more recent). While Mozilla Firefox is compatible with the *MyScouting* Web site, we are aware that problems related to this browser can occur when taking training or while working in *Internet Advancement* and *Internet Rechartering*. We are working to resolve this issue as quickly as possible. Until then, you can log on to your *MyScouting* account and take training and work in *Internet Rechartering* and *Internet Advancement* using the Microsoft Internet Explorer browser.

## Why do I receive a 403 access forbidden error when I try to log on to MyScouting?

*MyScouting.org* is not currently compatible with the new *Microsoft Office Live Add-In*. This is why you are receiving the error - 403 access forbidden, access denied screen. To continue to access *MyScouting*, you will need to uninstall the *Microsoft Office Live Add-In*. Go to the *Control Panel* and then add and remove programs, scroll down to *Microsoft Live Add-In* and click *remove*. For Vista users: *Control Panel* and then *Programs and Features*.

## Need assistance?

E-mail [myscouting@netbsa.org](mailto:myscouting@netbsa.org) and include your user name and contact information. Please include your council name and headquarters city. Our representatives are available between 7 a.m. (CT) and 7 p.m. (CT) Monday through Friday. You will receive a response by the close of business on the day following your inquiry.