



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

OUR ONGOING COMMITMENT TO KEEPING SCOUTS SAFE



KNOW THE FACTS:

THE SAFETY AND PROTECTION OF CHILDREN IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PRIORITY OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA.

TODAY, THE BSA HAS A MULTI-LAYERED PROCESS OF SAFEGUARDS THAT SERVE AS BARRIERS TO ABUSE, INCLUDING:

- CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS
- MANDATORY ONGOING YOUTH-PROTECTION TRAINING FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS, ALONG WITH EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FOR PARENTS AND SCOUTS
- A PROHIBITION ON ONE-ON-ONE CONTACT BETWEEN ADULTS AND YOUTH – EITHER IN PERSON, ONLINE, OR VIA TEXT
- THE VOLUNTEER SCREENING DATABASE, A TOOL THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) RECOMMENDS FOR ALL YOUTH-SERVING ORGANIZATIONS, WHICH PREVENTS INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE REMOVED FROM SCOUTING FROM RE-REGISTERING
- PROMPT MANDATORY REPORTING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OF ANY ALLEGATION OR SUSPICION OF ABUSE
- A 24/7 HELPLINE (1-844-SCOUTS1 OR 1-844-726-8871) AND EMAIL ADDRESS (SCOUTS1ST@SCOUTING.ORG) TO ACCESS COUNSELING AND HELP TO REPORT ANY SUSPECTED ABUSE OR INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR

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