

BSA's Youth Protection Policies

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Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse

All persons involved in Scouting shall report to local authorities any good faith suspicion or belief that any child is or has been physically or sexually abused, physically or emotionally neglected, exposed to any form of violence or threat, exposed to any form of sexual exploitation including the possession, manufacture, or distribution of child pornography, online solicitation, enticement, or showing of obscene material. No person may abdicate this reporting responsibility to any other person.

Notify your Scout Executive of this report, or of any violation to BSA's Youth Protection policies, so he or she may take appropriate action for the safety of our Scouts, make appropriate notifications, and follow-up with investigating agencies.

There are two types of Youth Protection – related reporting procedures all volunteers must follow:

- When you witness or suspect any child has been abused or neglected – See “*Mandatory Report of Child Abuse*” below.
- When you witness a violation of BSA's Youth Protection policies – See “*Reporting Violations of BSA Youth Protection Policies*” below.

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Steps to Reporting Child Abuse

- 1) Ensure the child is in a safe environment.
- 2) In cases of child abuse or medical emergencies, call 911 immediately. In addition, if the suspected abuse is in the Scout's home or family, you are required to contact Children and Family Services at 1-800-342-3720.
- 3) Notify the Scout Executive or his/her designee. (See contact names/numbers below.)

Reporting Violations of BSA Youth Protection Policies

If you think any of the BSA's Youth Protection policies, including those described within *Scouting's Barriers to Abuse* have been violated, you must notify your local council Scout Executive or his/her designee so appropriate action can be taken for the safety of our Scouts.

Five Rivers Council

Emergency Contact Personnel

In the event of an emergency, dial 911.

Local Hotline Name: Children and Family Services

Local Hotline Telephone: 1-800-342-3720

Scout Executive

Gary Decker
Office: 607-732-9047
Cell: 607-742-3590

District Director

Karl Ziegenfus
Office: 607-732-9047
Cell: 607-743-6899

**EMERGENCY CONTACTS
IN CASES INVOLVING CHILD ABUSE
FIVE RIVERS COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

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NEW YORK:

Child Protective Services

Toll Free: 1-800-342-3720

(TDD/TDY: 1-800-638-5163)

PENNSYLVANIA:

Child Line

Toll Free: 1-800-932-0313

(TDD: 1-866-872-1677)