



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

# OUR ONGOING COMMITMENT TO KEEPING SCOUTS SAFE

The BSA has some of the strongest expert-informed barriers to abuse found in any youth-serving organization.

- Prompt mandatory reporting to law enforcement of any allegation or suspicion of abuse.
- The Volunteer Screening Database – a tool the CDC recommends for all youth-serving organizations – which prohibits known or suspected abusers from registering for Scouting programs.
- Criminal background checks for all volunteers and employees.
- Mandatory youth protection training for all volunteers and employees every two years.
- A ban on one-on-one contact between adults and youth – in person, online, or via text.
- Educational materials on youth safety for parents and Scouts.
- A 24/7 helpline (1-844-Scouts1) and email (Scouts1st@Scouting.org) for help accessing in-person counselling and assistance reporting any suspected abuse or inappropriate behavior.

For more information, visit [www.Scouting.org/youth-safety](http://www.Scouting.org/youth-safety)