

- Kids are safer in Scouting than in society as a whole.
- Scoutings' Youth Protection policies and practices are considered the Gold standard for youth serving organizations.
- Scouting helps improve the safety of all children as leaders and parents apply our youth protection training and practices in other aspects of their community.

Facts to Know and Share

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA A SAFE PLACE FOR KIDS



FAST FACTS

Locally, there were 5,049 reports of child sexual abuse in Wisconsin in 2017, one report was within Scouting.

Statistics show that 80-90% of offenders are family members or close family friends.

Children need trusted adults to reach out to and/or recognize something is wrong, a role leaders and parents can fulfill as partners with Scouting.

SCOUTING KEEPS KIDS SAFE THROUGH A MULTI-LAYERED PROCESS OF SAFEGUARDS

Youth Protection Training
Mandatory volunteer training with educational materials for parents and Scouts featured in handbooks and integrated into programs. 100% of our Adult Volunteers were trained in 2018.

Two-Deep Leadership Policy
Requires two adults present with youth at all times and prohibits one-on-one situations between adults and youth in person or electronically, within or outside of our program.

Formal Leadership Selection Process
Including criminal background checks and other screening efforts.

Mandatory Reporting
All persons involved in Scouting must report to local authorities any good-faith suspicion or belief that any youth is being, or has been, physically or sexually abused.

Volunteer Screening Database
A tool the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends for all youth-serving organizations, to prevent individuals that were removed from their organization from re-registering (Scouting has had this in place since the 1920's).

One in six boys and one in four girls will have inappropriate sexual experiences before they turn 18 years old.

Child sexual abuse is a societal problem that Scouting is committed to help eradicate

SAMOSET.ORG/YOUTH-PROTECTION