

Westchester-Putnam Council, Boy Scouts of America Youth Protection Reporting Procedures for Volunteers

BSA Youth Protection Policies

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 the BSA’s Youth Protection policies—See “*Reporting Violations of BSA Youth Protection Policies*” below.

Mandatory Report 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. *You may not abdicate this reporting responsibility to any other person.*

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 the NYS Office of Children and Family Services at 800-342-3720.
3. Notify the Scout executive or his 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 designee so appropriate action can be taken for the safety of our Scouts.

WESTCHESTER-PUTNAM COUNCIL EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSONNEL

In the event of an emergency, dial 911.

Local hotline name: NYS Office of Children and Family Services

Local hotline number: 800-342-3720

Director of Support Services

Stephen Hammonds

Office: 914-773-1135, ext. 225

Cell: 914-760-2556

Email: shammonds@wpcbsa.org

Scout Executive

Marc Andreo

Office: 914-773-1135, ext. 222

Cell: 914-906-6384

Email: mandreo@wpcbsa.org

Assistant Scout Executive

Deric Wertz

Office: 914-773-1135, ext. 226

Cell: 914-806-1811

Email: dwertz@wpcbsa.org

Youth Protection can be achieved only through the shared involvement of everyone in Scouting.

Remember—Youth Protection Begins With YOU.®

For more information about the BSA’s Youth Protection policies,
visit <http://www.scouting.org/YouthProtection.aspx>.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®