

SAFE SCOUTING POLICY

The Scout Movement is by its very nature an outdoor and adventure organisation, where adult leaders are encouraged to provide physically challenging and adventurous activities to assist in the personal growth and development of young people.

[READ SAFE SCOUTING POLICY \(LINK\)](#)

Safe Scouting is everyone's responsibility...



- **It starts with young people ...**
Helping young people to be aware of risks and behave responsibly when engaged in different activities.
- **It involves parents ...**
Being aware of the activities your child is participating in, through a system of informed parent consent before the activity takes place.
- **And our volunteer leaders ...**
Making sure that Adult Leaders have the necessary skills and training to lead activities and properly assess and manage the risks inherent in the activity being undertaken.

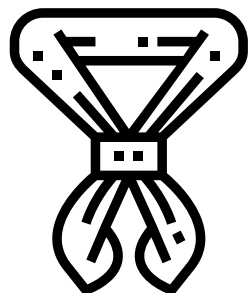
Parent Consent



You provide consent for your child to participate in the Scouting programme by:

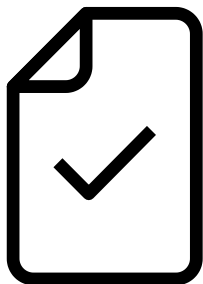
- **Application for Youth Membership Form**
This gives consent for your child to participate in all activities taking place at or within 2km of the Scout Hall or regular meeting place(s).
- **Parent Consent and Indemnity Form**
These forms are required for all other individual Scouting activities that your child participates in. They provide the most up-to-date medical and emergency contact details for your child.

Activity Leaders



- The responsible Adult Leader conducts a risk assessment of each activity prior to its commencement and ensures that adequate planning has taken place. This assessment includes the required emergency plans to be in place and that there is a designated First Aider.
- Provides clear instructions and information, and adequate training, to ensure that all participants are competent and able to undertake the activity.
- A Youth Member may be an Activity Leader. In such circumstances the responsible Adult Leader must make sure the Youth Member has the necessary skills and training to be able to lead the activity and will be responsible for the safety of the other participants.

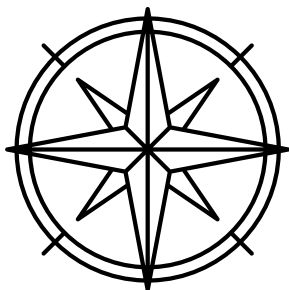
Activity Permits



- All activities held away from the regular meeting place(s) requires the Activity Leader to have an approved activity permit.
- This permit includes details of the activity and the emergency plans in place and is approved by the next-in-line Scout Leader.
- Where the activity requires a specialised skill set, a specialist must be consulted during the approval process of the permit.

Activities Scouts do

Your child is likely to participate in some of the following adventurous activities while being a Scout:
The range of activities provided depends largely on the skills and resources of the Scout Group which you join.



Land Activities:

- Camping, Fires and Cooking
- Day Hikes and Bicycle Hikes
- Overnight Hikes and Expeditions
- Orienteering and Navigation
- Obstacle courses
- Pioneering (i.e. building bridges/towers from ropes/poles)
- Mountaineering
- Rock Climbing and Abseiling
- Community Service Projects
- Visits to special places of interest; ...

Water Activities:

- Swimming
- Rafting
- Canoeing or Kayaking
- Sailing or Power Boating
- Water skiing
- Parasailing

Air Activities:

- Flying or gliding
- Microlights
- Parachuting
- Hot air ballooning