



In
SCOUTING
just who is
'RESPONSIBLE' ?

Who is in charge ?

WHO ENSURES THE SAFETY OF MEMBERS
& THAT THE RIGHT THING IS BEING DONE ?

We operate on 'TEAMS' and like all effective teams there is always a Team Leader whose job it is to ensure the team is harmonious, works efficiently, moves toward a common goal. They ensure the team, follow our policies and procedures and ensure an observance of an effective realistic standard of safety and duty of care. This applies from the Chief Commissioner and his team, down through the Regional team to Sectional teams..

**NO bosses - NO higher ranking 'officers' - Just Team Leaders
ITS CALLED THE PATROL SYSTEM**

Scouting takes the position that all our leaders will act responsibly, effectively and work as a team not individuals.

In everyday scouting and sections this is very straight forward; the Appointed Leader leads a team of Assistant Leaders. The G/L is responsible for the Appointed Leaders, the DC for his own team and the GLs and so on up the line and it is these people who take on the responsibility of having their team work together..

In specialty areas that require specific qualification and skills (*Aviation- Abseiling- Boating- Caving - Flying Fox etc.*) policy ensures there will be an appropriately qualified person who will have been nominated as the Team Leader, usually by the rest of the team. It would be this person who has the responsibility to ensure that all safety and other standards are met. In the case where the Team leader or any other team member saw an action that was unsafe they would stop it. In these cases no one should override their special skills, training and opinion as to safety, unless they hold these special qualifications and the matter discussed with the specialist team.

In the case of the treatment of illness and accidents, especially those that escalate beyond removing splinters, upset tummies, band aids and advising dehydrated kids to have some fluids it's the Team Leader who should always be aware of which Leader is fully conversant with the parents' written wishes and directions for caring of the youth member. The person with this knowledge should have primary care of the patient, however depending on the seriousness it is often wise to have another overseeing the coordination to support the person giving aid. Ideally the parents wishes should not be varied unless on the direct instruction of the NSW Ambulance Service or a Registered Medical Practitioner.

If there is **any doubt** in regard to the ongoing health of the patient plans to have them transported to hospital by car or ambulance should be put in place immediately.

**WE ALL HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY FOR AVOIDING UNNECESSARY RISKS,
AND ENSURING WE MEET OUR DUTY OF CARE TO ALL MEMBERS.**

Leader Support Guide