



Code of Conduct For Adults in Scouting

Leader Support Guide

The purpose of Scouting is to encourage their physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual development of young people so they take a constructive place in society as responsible citizens, and as members of their local, national and international communities. This is achieved by the example and guidance of dedicated men and women who help the youth members in the fulfilment of the Scout Promise and Law, so they become constructive and responsible citizens.

This Code of Conduct is expected of all adults, Uniformed and Layside, who work within The Scout Association, recognising that at all times they should act responsibly and exercise a "duty of care" to the Youth members.

1. Adults in Scouting respect the dignity of themselves and others.
2. Adults in Scouting demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility, recognising that at all times their words and actions are an example to other members of the Movement.
3. Adults in Scouting act at all times in accordance with Scouting principles, thereby setting a suitable example for all.
4. Adults in Scouting do not use the Movement to promote their own beliefs, behaviours or practices where these are not compatible with Scouting principles.
5. Adults in Scouting act with consideration and good judgement in all interpersonal relationships, both inside and outside Scouting.
6. Adults in Scouting respect everyone's right to personal privacy. at all times. They take special care where sleeping, changing of clothing, bathing and ablutions is associated with any Scouting activity.
7. Adults in Scouting avoid unaccompanied and unobserved activities with youth members wherever possible. Remember, "in sight - out of hearing".
8. Adults in Scouting, for their own protection, should avoid potentially compromising situations by ensuring, where reasonably possible, that at least two adults are in attendance whilst supervising and/or accompanying Youth members. It is recognised that in certain circumstances it may be necessary for a Leader or Adult, whilst acting responsibly and exercising their "duty of care", to be alone with a Youth member.
9. Adults in Scouting realise that bullying, physical or verbal abuse, neglect or any other type of abuse is unacceptable conduct by any member of the Movement.
10. Adults in Scouting must report any conduct seen or heard that does not comply with this "code of conduct".