



# Youth Scouts Canada Code of Conduct

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### Introduction

This Code of Conduct applies to all Scouters under the age of 18. A separate Code of Conduct applies to anyone aged over 18. This Code will help you work safely with other youth, protecting them and yourself.

You have a responsibility to look after yourself and others. Other Scouts will look up to you and follow your lead. It is important to set a good example and remember your Scout Promise and Law. Breaking the promises that you make by agreeing to this code of conduct could mean that you aren't allowed to participate in Scouting activities or the loss of your membership.

To ensure the safety and well-being of all Scouts Canada members both on and offline,

### I WILL:

- Think and act safely.
- Remember that I have influence and power over others and will not take advantage of this.
- Know and follow the Two-Scouter Rule, Scouter-to-Youth ratios and other activity rules.
- Do my best to understand and follow Scouts Canada's policies, standards and procedures for activities that I participate in.
- Encourage people to speak up about issues related to personal or Group safety that concern them.
- Not exploit others, show favouritism, engage in a relationship or flirt with the youth I supervise.
- Not swear or use inappropriate language.
- Not smoke in front of youth or refer to consumption of tobacco, drugs or alcohol.
- Not take part in Scouting if I am negatively affected by any substance or prescription drugs.
- Immediately report any concerns of abuse, bullying, harassment or other inappropriate conduct.
- Act to prevent and stop hazing, bullying and harassment.
- Only touch youth I supervise after asking permission, and in a safe and respectful way.

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- Not play physical contact games, make suggestive remarks or jokes with the youth I supervise.
- Think carefully before I post online, including giving out my personal details and sharing without permission.
- Remember that I am entitled to be respected, safe from harm and not be exploited.
- Say "no" to anyone who asks me to do something that makes me feel uncomfortable or unsafe.
- Ask for help from an adult I trust if anyone makes me feel uncomfortable, worried or scared.
- Have fun and enjoy Scouts!

**This Code of Conduct must be completed at the start of each Scouting year before participating in any activities.**

I understand that participation in Scouts Canada is voluntary, and involves a certain degree of risk when participating in some Scouting activities, including the risk of possible accidents, physical injury, or exposure to the COVID-19 virus or other infections or infectious diseases. After carefully considering the risks involved, and having full confidence that reasonable precautions and protocols will be taken and/or implemented by Scouts Canada to ensure the safety and well-being of participants. I will take, to the best of my ability, reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of other members (youth and adult) as well as my personal safety. I understand and agree to follow this Code of Conduct. I understand that my violation of any part of it may result in suspension, discipline or termination of membership from Scouts Canada.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are worried about yourself or anyone else or need to report something, you can get help from:

- An adult you trust
- [kidshelpphone.ca](https://www.kidshelpphone.ca) | 1-800-668-6868
- [cybertip.ca](https://www.cybertip.ca) to report online sexual content or abuse
- Safe Scouting: [safety@scouts.ca](mailto:safety@scouts.ca) or 1 (800) 339-6643 (24 hours)
- Emergencies: 911

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## Resources

- [Adult Code of Conduct](#)
- [Youth Scouter Code of Conduct](#)
- [FAQ—Scouts Canada Online Support Centre](#)

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## Updates

**2025:** As part of annual review this standard has been updated to confirm that it is an individual's responsibility to understand and follow Scouts Canada's Policies, Standards and Procedures as part of expected conduct.