



Scouts Canada Youth Code of Conduct

Youth 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, please refer to the [Adult Code of Conduct](#). This Code will help you work safely with other youth, protecting them and yourself.

As a Youth Scouter, you are in a position of trust and leadership. Younger Scouts may look to you for guidance and example. You are responsible for your own conduct and for helping create a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment for others. By agreeing to this Code of Conduct, you commit to upholding the [Scout Promise and Law](#). Failure to follow this Code may result in restrictions on your participation in Scouting activities or the suspension or termination of your membership.

To ensure the safety and well-being of all Scouts Canada members:

I WILL:

- Think and act safely at all times.
- Remember that I have influence and power over others and will not take advantage of this.
- Know and follow the Two-Scouter Rule, required Scouter-to-Youth ratios, and all activity safety rules. Immediately inform a responsible adult Scouter or Group Commissioner if any adult or youth attempts to create a one-to-one situation that is not permitted under Scouts Canada policy.
- 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.

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- Not exploit others, show favouritism, engage in a relationship or flirt with the youth I supervise including through social media, text messaging, or other online platforms.
- Not gossip or engage in behaviour that harms another youth or undermines trust, dignity, or psychological safety.
- Actively prevent and stop hazing, bullying, harassment, and the use of inappropriate or offensive language.
- Not smoke or vape at Scouting activities, and not use, promote, or encourage tobacco, vaping products, cannabis, alcohol, or other drugs in connection with Scouting.
- 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 to a trusted adult Scouter or through Scouts Canada's Safe Scouting channels.
- Only touch youth I supervise after asking permission, and in a safe and respectful way.
- 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.

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- 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.

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 | 1-800-668-6868
- cybertip.ca to report online sexual content or abuse
- Safe Scouting: safety@scouts.ca or 1 (800) 339-6643 (24 hours)
- Emergencies: 911

Resources

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

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