

# BSA Barriers to Abuse

Reminders and Updates



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- Background Checks
- Youth Protection Training
- Youth on Youth Child Abuse Training
- Buddy System
- Lion and Tiger Adult Partners
- How to Protect Your Child Against Child Abuse Pamphlet
- Protect Yourself Rules and/or Cyber Chip
- 2-Deep Leadership
- <2 years age difference for camping
- Separate facilities for male/female and youth/adult at campouts



# Worth Noting...

- Leaders should redirect whenever appropriate. Shut down inappropriate conversations and redirect to the Aims of Scouting, the Scout Oath, and the Scout Law and get back to the task at hand.
- At certain times (like having to use the restroom), make the buddy system happen. Don't allow Troop members or Pack members to force another Scout/Cub to wait simply because they don't feel like walking to the restroom.
- Be on the lookout for upstanders and encourage it; Don't be a bystander.
- Put YPT into practice - be an involved adult, even when activities are youth led.



Since Adult Partners are present at Tiger & Lion Den Events, does there have to be two registered, adult leaders that are YPTed?



# YES



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Does a Cub Scout parent or legal guardian have to be a registered leader to participate in a Cub Scout overnight program with their own child/ward?



Short Answer: **NO**, but keep in mind...

The unregistered adult cannot be left in charge of any Cub that is not their own. The adult does not count as two-deep leadership. Adults 18 and older attending a Cub Scout OVERNIGHT event/activity who are not the parent or legal guardian of a Scout in attendance must be registered in an adult fee required position. All adults must review the “How to Protect your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent’s Guide” that can be found in the front of each Cub Scout Handbook.



Our Scouts BSA boy troop and our Scouts BSA girl troop are linked and would like to host a joint outing or activity. Do we have to provide adult leadership from each troop?





**Yes.** Each troop is a separate unit, and therefore, each troop/unit must provide its own two-deep leadership, meeting the leadership requirements outlined in Scouting's Barriers to Abuse. Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including all meetings. For the girl troop, there must be at least one registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over registered with the troop and one must be present for any activity involving female youth or female program participants aged 18-21.



Can I put a 17-year-old youth and  
a 13-year-old youth in the same  
tent at summer camp?



No.

They should be no more than two years apart in age. Anyone 18 and over is considered an adult. Adults and youth are to tent separately.



If I suspect abuse, do I need to  
report it?



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**YES**

**All registered leaders are considered  
mandatory reporters.**



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Can buddy pairs be co-ed in any of  
Scouting's programs?



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**No.**

**They must be single gender and  
youth only.**



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All adults 18 and older attending a Scouts  
BSA, Venturing, Sea Scout or Exploring  
OVERNIGHT event/activity must be currently  
registered as an adult leader?





# YES



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# Resources

For the most up-to-date information always use the guide to safe scouting which is updated in to reflect the most recent changes.

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/>

Additional Resources: For more questions and answers:

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/yp-faqs/>

Youth Protection Training <https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/>

Scouting's Barriers to Abuse

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/gss01/#:~:text=Youth%20sharing%20tents%20must%20be,Spouses%20may%20share%20tents>

S.A.F.E. Checklist <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safe/>

