

# **Policy Documents**

## **Safeguarding Policy**



# 25th Allerton Scout Group Safeguarding Policy

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## Purpose

The safety and wellbeing of all children, young people, and adults at risk is our highest priority. The **25th Allerton Scout Group** is committed to creating a safe environment in which all members can enjoy Scouting and develop to their full potential.

This policy aligns with **The Scout Association's Safeguarding Policy (POR Section 2.5)**, available here:

 [Scouts UK Safeguarding Policy](#)

It also incorporates the **Yellow Card Safeguarding Code of Conduct**, which applies to every adult in Scouting.

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## Scope

This policy applies to:

- All adults involved in Scouting within 25th Allerton Scout Group, including volunteers, trustees, helpers, and contractors.
  - All activities, events, online communications, and social media operated under the name of 25th Allerton Scout Group.
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## Safeguarding Code of Conduct

All adults must follow the **Yellow Card**, which sets out how to keep children, young people, and adults at risk safe. This includes (but is not limited to):

- Always putting young people's welfare first.
- Treating everyone with respect, fairness, and dignity.
- Never developing exclusive or secretive relationships with young people.
- Avoiding being alone with a young person where not appropriate.
- Never engaging in or tolerating bullying, abuse, or discrimination.
- Reporting all concerns promptly.

A copy of the Yellow Card must be available at every Scouting activity.

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## Reporting Concerns

All safeguarding concerns must be reported immediately to **The Scout Association Safeguarding Team**, and always within 24 hours.

- Phone: **0345 300 1818** (available 24/7).
- Email: **safeguarding@scouts.org.uk**

- Online form: 🖱️ [Report a Safeguarding Concern](#)

If a child or young person is at immediate risk of harm, call **999 (UK)** or **112 (EU)** and then notify the Safeguarding Team.

If you are unsure whether something is a safeguarding concern — **report it anyway**.

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## Local Contact

In addition to national reporting routes, concerns may also be raised with the **Group Lead Volunteer Jane@25th-Allerton.com** or **Trustee Board Chair** at 25th Allerton Scout Group:

They are responsible for ensuring all adults in the group follow this policy and complete the required safeguarding training.

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## Training

- All adults in Scouting must complete **mandatory safeguarding training** within five months of appointment.
  - Safeguarding training must be refreshed at least once every three years.
  - Section Leaders are responsible for ensuring their volunteers remain up to date.
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## Digital and Online Safety

When communicating online or using digital media:

- Always follow Scouts UK's **Digital Safeguarding Guidance**.
  - Use only group-approved platforms and accounts.
  - Never share personal contact details of young people.
  - Photographs and videos of young people must only be used with prior parental consent and in line with the group's Privacy Policy.
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## Enforcement

Any adult failing to comply with this policy, the Yellow Card, or safeguarding training requirements may be suspended or removed from Scouting in line with The Scout Association's procedures.

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## Review

This policy will be reviewed annually by the **Trustee Board of 25th Allerton Scout Group**.

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**Next review due September 2026**