Policy Documents
Safeguarding Policy

Scouts

25th Allerton
(St. Mary's Grassendale)

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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.

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.

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.

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**.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Review

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

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