

# Safeguarding Policy

In accordance with Scout POR, 7th Elland Scout Group adheres to the Safeguarding Policy set out by the UK Scout Association. For convenience, a copy of this policy is reproduced below. Any future updates made at a national level will be considered to take effect immediately; however, this document may not be amended to reflect such changes until it has undergone our policy review process by the Trustee Board. To check the latest version of this policy, please visit [scouts.org.uk](https://scouts.org.uk).

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## 2a.6.1.1 Policy Statement

It is the policy of The Scout Association to safeguard the welfare of all children, young people and adults at risk by protecting them from neglect and from physical, sexual and emotional harm.

Scouts understand that individuals thrive in safe surroundings, so we are committed to ensuring that Scouts is safe and enjoyable for everyone involved and that safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with best practice and requirements of their Charity Regulator (see 5a.1.2).

## 2a.6.1.2 Scope

This policy:

- a. applies to all adults including the Board of Trustees, volunteers, paid staff, agency staff and anyone working on behalf of Scouts
- b. recognises that the welfare and interests of children, young people and adults at risk are paramount in all circumstances
- c. aims to ensure that all children, young people and adults at risk have a positive and enjoyable Scouting experience in a safe and person-centred environment and are protected from abuse whilst participating in Scouts and otherwise.

## 2a.6.1.3 Responsibilities: all adults

- a. It is the responsibility of all adults involved in Scouts to have read and understood the above policy statement and the [Safeguarding Policy & Procedures](#).
- b. The [Safeguarding Policy & Procedures](#) must be adhered to at all times.

## 2a.6.1.4 Mandatory procedures

All breaches of the policy and procedures will be dealt with within in line with POR and the Safeguarding Processes and Procedures.

## 2a.6.1.5 Further Guidance

See the [Scouts Safeguarding Policy & Procedures](#) for young people and adults at risk.