CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT SEPTEMBER 2025

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is a member of Scouting Ireland. This group provides Scouting activities to members of this community in this Scout centre, and when away (i.e. out of Doors) on Scouting activities for **Children and Young People (Youth Members) aged 6-18.**

Principles

This statement recognises that the **welfare** and interests of youth members is **paramount in all circumstances**. It aims to ensure that regardless of gender, sexual orientation, religion, age, disability, race and membership of the traveller community, **ALL** youth members have a positive and enjoyable experience of Scouting in a safe and child centred environment and are protected from any form of abuse while taking part in Scouting activities.

This Scout group aims to ensure that all our youth members will be protected from bullying/abuse within all Scouting activities and all relevant policies will be reviewed annually.

https://www.scouts.ie/safety/safeguarding		
Scouting Irelands Child Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy & Procedures	Camping & Out of Doors Policy & Camping & Out of Doors Guidelines	Welcoming Adults to Scouting (Recruitment policy)

Our funding partners

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This document is a legal requirement in the Republic of Ireland and best practice in Northern Ireland.

Scouting Irelands Child Safeguarding Statement has been developed in line with requirements under the Children's First Act 2015 (R.O.I.), Children's First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children (2017), and Tusla's Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice. In addition to the procedures listed in our risk assessment, Scouting Ireland's **Code of Behaviour** and Scouting Ireland's policies and procedures support our intention to safeguard children during Scouting activities.

The procedure in respect of any member of staff/volunteer who is the subject of any investigation (howsoever described) in respect of any act, omission, or circumstance in respect of a child availing of our service is outlined in Scouting Ireland's Child Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and Procedures.

Procedure for reporting a Child Welfare Concern:

Scouting Irelands Child Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy & Procedures specifies how the concerns will be reported to the statutory agencies, CFA (Tusla), AGS, PSNI, NHB.

Please contact:

Relevant Person, Steven Maclean

00353 (0) 1 4998014 or safeguarding@scouts.ie

Section 2 of Scouting Irelands Child Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy & Procedures state our policy for appointing a relevant person and the policy on our register of mandated persons which is retained at National Office.
Please email us if you are a Scouter and hold a mandated role.
The procedure for Managing Allegations & of Abuse or Misconduct against volunteers is available on our website.

Scouting Ireland have carried out this assessment of potential harm to a child during Scouting activities.	
Risk Identified	**Policies & Procedures to manage Risk**
Bullying of a child	Anti-bullying policy
Risk of harm of sexual abuse*	Child safeguarding policy; Vetting of all volunteers, Safeguarding training.
Risk of harm of physical/ psychological/emotional abuse*	Code of behaviour.
Risk of harm or abuse when away on overnight stays/ Camps etc.	Camping & Out of Doors Policy & the camping and the Out of Doors Guidelines.
Risk of harm of online abuse through social media & unauthorised photography	Online Safety Policy.
Child to Child (peer) abuse	Anti-bullying policy AND Section leaders should plan and agree a code of behaviour with youth members each term and for events
*As defined in the Children's First Act 2015	

Procedure for the safe recruitment and selection of all adult volunteers and procedure for Safeguarding Training:

Before starting to work with youth → Ongoing training & support

Interview → Vetting → Being a Scouter & Safeguarding Training → Probation Period & Mutual Agreement → 3yearly vetting & Training

"Safeguarding should be part of our everyday Scouting Safeguarding is EVERYONES responsibility"

This Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed by **5th September 2026** or as soon as is practical following any changes. It is readily available to all stakeholders.

Sean Sheehan, Chief Executive Officer

Steven Maclean, Safeguarding Manager /Relevant Person