

## March 2024

Dear Unit Key 3 (Scoutmaster, Committee Chair and Chartered Organization Representative):

In Scouting, we will not compromise the safety of our youth or volunteer leaders. Safety is a value that must be taught and reinforced at every opportunity. We are all responsible and must hold each other accountable to provide a safe environment for all participants. It is critical to be familiar with and utilize Scouting's resources.

Youth Protection Training, which has been embraced as part of our culture for decades, is just the beginning! Patriots' Path Council also highlights the theme of Scouting Safely on our website with links to both BSA and local resources that you can access by visiting a special section of our website at www.ppcbsa.org/scoutingsafely.

In that spirit we are excited to share the following resources with your unit's Scoutmaster:

- > A Scouting Safely flyer that highlights resources available to your unit and families.
- A highlight sheet on <u>safety enhancements</u> we have put in place at our camps over the past year.
- ➤ <u>Safety Posters</u> to be displayed at your unit meeting area, troop trailer or in campsites when camping off Patriots' Path Council properties. For additional copies of our posters please consider downloading from our Scouting Safely site or visit our Scout Shops where they will be available at a modest cost.
- An <u>Incident Reporting Kit</u> which includes an Incident Reporting Tool, a Youth Protection Incident Reporting Tool and a Near Miss Reporting Tool. Please remember, all incidents must be reported to <a href="https://riskonnectbsa.my.salesforce-sites.com/">https://riskonnectbsa.my.salesforce-sites.com/</a> within 72 hours of occurrence.

Additionally, the BSA has recently updated their "Personal Safety Awareness for Scouts" resources. Please visit <a href="https://www.scouting.org/training/youth/scouts-bsa/">https://www.scouting.org/training/youth/scouts-bsa/</a> to access the materials which now highlights new requirements for Scout ranks.

Cub Scouts will also have an update, "Protect Yourself Rules." Please find that information here <a href="https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/preview-adventures/protect-yourself-rules/">https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/preview-adventures/protect-yourself-rules/</a>

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The BSA adult trainings and safety moments are also important to familiarize yourself with, take when appropriate, and share with your adult leaders and families. For resources, please visit https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments

Thank you for all you do to support our Scouts and their families, as a Scouting family we can make our programs fun and safe for all.

Yours in Scouting,

Marty Foy

**Scouting Safely Chair** 

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Patriots' Path Council's Scouting Safely Website



**Scouting Safety Moments** 



**BSA Incident Reporting Website** 



BSA Age-Appropriate Guidelines

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