

# SCOUTS CANADA YOUTH SCOUTER CODE OF CONDUCT

This Code of Conduct applies to all Scouters under the age of 18. A separate Code of Conduct applies to anyone aged over 18. This Code will help you work safely with other youth, protecting them and yourself.

You have a responsibility to look after yourself and others. Other Scouts will look up to you and follow your lead. It is important to set a good example and remember your Scout Promise and Law.

## TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF ALL SCOUTS CANADA MEMBERS BOTH ON AND OFFLINE, I WILL:

- Think and act safely.
- Remember that I have influence and power over others and will not take advantage of this.
- Follow activity rules and Scouter-to-Youth ratios.
- Encourage people to speak up about issues related to personal or Group safety that concern them.
- Not exploit others, show favouritism, engage in a relationship or flirt with the youth I supervise.
- Not swear or use inappropriate language.
- Not smoke in front of youth or refer to consumption of tobacco, drugs or alcohol.
- Not take part in Scouting if I am negatively affected by any substance or prescription drugs.
- Immediately report any concerns of abuse, bullying, harassment or other inappropriate conduct.
- Act to prevent and stop hazing, bullying and harassment.
- Only touch youth I supervise after asking permission, and in a safe and respectful way.
- Not play physical contact games, make suggestive remarks or jokes with the youth I supervise.
- Think carefully before I post online, including giving out my personal details and sharing without permission.
- Remember that I am entitled to be respected, safe from harm and not be exploited.
- Say “no” to anyone who asks me to do something that makes me feel uncomfortable or unsafe.
- Ask for help from an adult I trust if anyone makes me feel uncomfortable, worried or scared.
- Have fun and enjoy Scouts!

I understand that participation in Scouts Canada is voluntary, and involves a certain degree of risk when participating in some Scouting activities, **including the risk of possible accidents, physical injury, or exposure to the COVID-19 virus or other infections or infectious diseases.** After carefully considering the risks involved, and having full confidence that reasonable precautions and protocols will be taken and/or implemented by Scouts Canada to ensure the safety and well-being of participants. I will take, to the best of my ability, reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of other members (youth and adult) as well as my personal safety. I understand and agree to follow this Code of Conduct. I understand that my violation of any part of it may result in suspension, discipline or termination of membership from Scouts Canada.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**This Code of Conduct must be completed at the start of each Scouting year before participating in any activities.**

If you are worried about yourself or anyone else or need to report something, you can get help from:

- An adult you trust
- kidshelpphone.ca 1-800-668-6868
- [cybertip.ca](http://cybertip.ca) to report online sexual content or abuse
- Safe Scouting [safety@scouts.ca](mailto:safety@scouts.ca) or 1 (800) 339-6643 (24 hours)
- Emergencies 911

