

Scouting at Home

Child Safe Scouting at Home



A Guide for Parents

Nothing is more important than the safety of the young people in our care.

Child safety in an online meeting is similar to regular meeting in the hall.
We follow the same protocols.

Parents are always welcome. Nothing is a secret in Scouting.
You are welcome to share in our online meetings.

One-on-one communications between Leaders and youth members are not OK.

Communications – like emails about the next online meeting, or phone calls – should be in normal Scout hours, not late at night or too early.

Some of our activities planned may need your help, for example, cooking activities by younger Scouts!

We will remind our youth members, but you might also like to remind them:

To keep language and behaviour nice – it may not be apparent who is watching, like parents or younger siblings. The Scout Law and Promise still work in a virtual world.

To share their emails, photos and videos of their work with their parents before sending them to the Leaders.

Normal rules apply to behaviour between Scouts. No-one should make another youth member feel unsafe or excluded.

A youth member who feels unsafe, or unsure of what to do, should talk with a trusted adult as soon as possible.

Our Child Safe Scouting at Home poster for Youth can be accessed here.

When we return to face-to-face Scouting our youth members will continue the activities planned with their fellow Scouts as normal. There won't need to be any special catch up sessions. Scouts working on major awards (Promise Challenge, Grey Wolf, Australian Scout Medallion, Queen's Scout, and B-P Scout award) will be allowed a time extension if needed.

Some cyber-safe reminders for us all, in this virtual world:

Be engaged and supportive.

Parents often ask about the night at Scouts as they drive home. Please keep having those conversations, even though we aren't travelling.

Keep the device or computer in a central area of the home, when possible and check in regularly about what they're up to.

Encourage respect and empathy. For themselves, and others. Remind them to avoid posting personal information or posts that may upset others.

More information and resources about this can be found here: www.esafety.gov.au.

A great online walkthrough for you and your child is available at <https://kidshelpline.com.au/kids/issues/being-safe-internet>. You can click through each topic area and discuss how to be safe online.

Finally, a reminder that we're all in this together! Leaders are learners too.

If you're concerned, please speak to a Leader in your Group about your concerns. This is new and we're all learning to navigate it together. If you are unable to speak to the Leader in your group, please call us on 1800 870 772 and we can try to help.