

# Cyber Safety



## Program Notes for Leaders

### Introduction

These notes don't relate to any activity sheet.

Regardless of the digital platform you're using, we need your help to promote cyber safety while Scouting at Home. This helps us to be a Child Safe Organisation and is particularly important given our new current circumstances.

Scouts Victoria strives to lead in the space of safety for children and young people and with so many young people involved across Victoria we want to ensure it is our number one priority. Everyone has the right to feel safe and included.

These activities can be used as a weekly program (without an activity sheet) but is probably better adding to another weekly program, unit council or stretched out with an activity each week.

This program is generic for all sections, but with videos relevant to the age group. You may need to adjust the language to suit the needs of your section.

## The Program

### Child Safe Scouting Poster

Our Child Safe Scouting for Youth posters, similar to our Feeling Unsafe poster in halls, reminds our young people how to be good digital citizens and where to find help. It would be worth showing this poster and where to access it to your youth members.

<https://scoutsvictoria.com.au/media/4030/sah-child-safety-online-poster.pdf>

### Brainstorm

When we are on an outside Scout activity, what sorts of things do we need to be careful of?

Gather 4-5 ideas of risks or dangers that may exist.

Examples:

- Strangers or people we don't know
- Snakes
- Dangerous dogs

- Falling over
- Hurting ourselves

Just like when we're at face to face Scouting, there are things we need to be careful of when we are online.

### Video

Here are some videos to share.

#### Joey Scouts

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d5kW4pL\\_VQw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d5kW4pL_VQw)

#### Cub Scouts

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UzwFqHDn4Aw>

#### Scouts

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yrln8nyVBLU>

Remember:

- Mute everyone's audio
- Cue up the video before the meeting
- Share your screen and make sure "share computer audio" is enabled
- Disable YouTube autoplay

After the video finishes, stop Screen sharing and ask the youth members to share some ideas of what they learnt from the video.

Messages you might hear from the youth members:

#### Joey Scouts

- It's OK to share with a trusted adult.
- Tell a trusted adult if something makes you feel upset or scared.
- Computers sometimes do strange things. If that happens, tell someone so they can help you.

#### Cub Scouts

- Don't share your password
- Tell a trusted adult if something makes you feel upset or scared.
- Always remember there's a person at the other end. Don't send things to hurt others.
- If you make a mistake, own up, apologise and learn from your mistake.



## Scouts

- Once it's posted, it stays there forever!
- Cyber safety applies to your phone too
- Only friend people you know.
- Don't share personal information like address, DOB, names of parents, phone number
- Change the password, make it unpredictable – don't use "password"!

## Interactive Videos

Giving youth members a chance to watch something and discuss in small groups can often help messages sink in more easily. Here are some interactive videos that would be good in small groups.

### Joey Scouts

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IYytzjmeyQU>

### Sixers

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XMa1XKGRae8>

### Patrols

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eJURhw3mswg>

## Troop/Pack/Mob Agreements

Does your Section have an agreement about what sort of behaviour is acceptable?

- This is a great time to refer back to your agreement. Does anything need updating from an online perspective?
- Don't have one? It's a great time to create one together. What sort of behaviour is acceptable?

## What If?

A good way to explore some possibly difficult situations would be to ask youth members to answer these questions in break-out rooms:

- What do you do if someone tries to be your friend online and you don't know them in real life?
- What do you do if someone asks you to keep a secret?
- What do you do if someone asks for a photo of your friend?
- If everyone is sharing photos of their house number and street names on Discord for a special project someone is working on, what do you do?

Good answers:

- Tell an adult
- Ask someone else for help
- Block the person
- It's OK to say no

