

Cub Scout Child Protection Activities Scout's Name: _____

First: Adult reads the Scouting America *Parents Guide to Protecting Your Children From Child Abuse*

– See: <https://tinyurl.com/4nnucfrp> online for the booklet. **Parent Name:** _____

I have read the Scouting America booklet - _____ **<Parent Signature>** _____ **<Date>**

Activity 1: Role-Play Safety Scenarios _____ **<Parent Signature>** _____ **<Date>**

Instructions: Talk through and role-play each scenario. Encourage the child to give their own responses after role-playing the possible response.

- Neighbor's Puppy: "What if a neighbor asks you to come into his house to see his new puppy?"
Possible Response: "I would tell him I need to check with you first. I would come home and check before I went over."
- Park Stranger: "What if you are playing in the park and a nice person asks you to come to a different part of the park to help find something they lost?"
Possible Response: "I need to check first before changing my plans so my parents know where I am."
- Older Youth Sneaking Out: "What if an older youth friend of your brother is spending the night and wakes you up to sneak outside?"
Possible Response: "I need to check first before helping an adult or teenager. Adults and teenagers usually ask other adults for help. I can help if I check first and you come with me to ask my parents for permission."

Activity 2: Practicing "NO" for Personal Space _____ **<Parent Signature>** _____ **<Date>**

Instructions: Talk through each scenario. Ask how they could use "NO" to create space.

- Stranger Approaching: "What if someone drives up, gets out of their car, and starts walking toward you to ask for directions?"
- Peer Hugging: "What if another kid your age continues to hug you even though you asked them to stop?"
- Inappropriate Touch at Night: "What if you are spending the night or on a campout and someone touches your body while you are sleeping?"

Activity 3: Resisting Inappropriate Touch _____ **<Parent Signature>** _____ **<Date>**

Instructions: Talk through each scenario and discuss solutions.

- Babysitter/Youth Wrestling: "What if your friend's babysitter or another youth asks you to wrestle without clothes on?"
- Secret Touching Games: "What if that same friend asks you to keep the touching games secret?"
- Leader Misconduct: "What if your Scout leader touches your private parts or shows you their private parts?"

Activity 4: Identifying Trusted Adults _____ **<Parent Signature>** _____ **<Date>**

Instructions: Ask these questions, ensuring options are understood. Discuss who their trusted adult would be and how to talk to them.

- Camping Trip Fear: "What if something happens on a camping trip (or at a neighbor's house, or at a friend's house) that makes you feel afraid or confused?"
- Unhelpful First Adult: "What if someone is making you feel uneasy or uncomfortable, and the first person you tell can't, doesn't, or won't help you?"
- Unsafe Trusted Adult: "What if one of your trusted adults is making you feel unsafe or uncomfortable?"

Scouting America tells Lion leaders: "...one of the activities is to list five trusted adults"

Activity 5: Surprise vs. Secret _____ **<Parent Signature>** _____ **<Date>**

Instructions: Ask what to do in each situation. Discuss how to tell if it's a surprise or a secret.

- Secret Touching Game: "What if a bigger kid says he will give you \$20 if you play a secret touching game with him?"
- Adult Surprise Alone: "What if an adult says you don't need to bring a buddy because they have a surprise just for you?"
- Secret Pictures: "What if someone you know asks if he can email you a secret picture or asks you to pose for naughty pictures?"

Activity 6: Family Safety Night _____ **<Parent Signature>** _____ **<Date>**

Instructions: Consider holding a "Family Safety Night" at the beginning and end of every school year or new activity.

- Review rules about bike helmets, fire escape plans, and calling 911.
- Transition into conversations about abuse, bullying, personal safety awareness, and online safety.
- Treat these topics like any other safety concern.