

Bay Area Council, Boy Scouts of America
Child Abuse Reporting Procedures and Contact Information

Reports of Child Abuse may come in many forms. They may be in the form of conversation, phone calls or letters (either anonymous or with the person making the report identified).

Reporting Procedures:

1. All persons involved in Scouting (including registered and non-registered members) must report to the local Law Enforcement specific to you your area without undue delay of any good faith suspicion or belief that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect.
2. **First Report:** if a person, (registered and non-registered members, a member of camp staff, a counselor, or camp director) has cause to believe an incident of abuse or neglect of a child at a camp in the State of Texas, *they shall immediately report that incident to the Texas Department of Family & Protective Services at the Texas Abuse Hotline 1-800-252-5400* or online at **www.txabusehotline.org**
3. **Second Report:** Contact is made directly to the Bay Area Council Scout Executive *immediately after first report* (no matter what the time is) to inform of a report made to the authorities that relates to suspected abuse during any Scouting program within a Scouting unit or structured program provided by a Council (i.e. Meeting, Outing, Activity or Camp).
4. ONLY if a report is made during a structured Scouting program offered by a Council or at the Camp Facility, Contact the Camp Director (Professional Staff Advisor on site) to inform them of the reports made to the authorities and to the Scout Executive that relates to suspected abuse at that particular camp.
5. Additionally, you are responsible for informing the Council (Scout Executive or Professional Staff Advisor) of any violation of BSA's Youth Protection Policies within a Scouting unit or structured program provided by a Council (i.e. Meeting, Outing, Activity or Camp) so that appropriate corrective action may be taken.

Failure to Report Notice:

It is the Law in Texas that suspected child abuse or neglect of a child must be reported. Failure to do so is a crime punishable by a fine, imprisonment or both.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Law Enforcement	Emergency	9 1 1
Brazoria County Sherriff	Non-Emergency	South County: 979-265-9310 Central County: 979-849-2441 North County: 281-331-9000
Galveston County Sherriff	Non-Emergency	South County: 409-766-2322 North County: 281-534-3515
Local Law Enforcement	Non-Emergency	Refer to your direct area information

Bay Area Council Scout Executive: Chuck Herrera Office: 409-744-5206
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