

CHILD SAFE SCOUTING



LISTEN CAREFULLY

- Ensure the situation is safe. Stay in sight, but out of hearing of others.
- Listen to what the person wants to share.
- Let them take their time, and encourage their own words.
- Ask open questions instead of leading questions such as "Did they touch you here?"



SUPPORT THE PERSON

- Hold back your own emotions and judgements.
- Thank them for sharing and acknowledge that it must have been difficult.
- Inform them that you may need to report to Scouts Victoria so we can work together to help keep them safe. Do not promise to keep it a secret.
- Be a listener, you are not an investigator.



DOCUMENT EVERYTHING

- Be as specific as you can.
- Use the young person's own language and words where possible. Differentiate direct quotes from general statements.
- Include who was present, and any other discussions you've had i.e. with your Group Leader or other Section Leaders.



REPORT

- Get advice or support via 1800 870 772
- Report via childsafescouts@scoutsvictoria.com.au. Please be in contact within 24 hours of any disclosure, concern or notification.
- Scouts Victoria understand that this can be distressing and we are there to support you.
- We may ask you to notify an external authority such as Victoria Police and we can help you do that.
- Remember, if in doubt, make the call.

