

Tall Pine Council Reporting Procedures

Who is the person in the Council responsible for receiving reports of child abuse?

1st Contact Person: Michael L. Chaffee
Scout Executive
810-235-2534

2nd Contact Person: Marilyn Costigan
Finance Director
810-235-8728

How can the designated person be contacted by someone who wishes to make a report of suspected child abuse?

Tall Pine Council main telephone number: 810-235-2531

What are the procedures for reporting child abuse during times the service center is closed? Call the 1st or 2nd contact person.

Mike Chaffee Home: 810-597-7678 or Marilyn Costigan Cell: 810-691-3361
If not there leave a message on the answering machine.

You also have an obligation to report child abuse to one of the following agencies:

The Local Police Department

Protective Services:

Genesee County: 810-760-2222

Lapeer County: 810-664-5968

Shiawassee County: 989-725-3200 (before 5pm) 989-743-3411 (after 5pm)

What is child abuse?

Child abuse is injury of a child by an adult or older child that might not be intentional, but is not accidental. It is usually classified as physical abuse, emotional abuse, or sexual abuse. Harm caused by withholding life necessities: food, clothing, shelter, medical care, education is call neglect.

What if I am not sure that the child is being abused?

The law requires only that you have a reasonable cause to suspect that a child is being abused. Once a report has been made, the appropriate agency will investigate and determine if abuse can be substantiated. The identity of the person making the report is held in confidence.

YOUTH PROTECTION GUIDELINES**Training for Volunteer Leaders and Parents**

Youth Protection Training is important component of the Boy Scouts of America's strategy to protect its members from child abuse.

Youth Protection Training will be administered by the Council Training Committee's for Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting and the Exploring programs.

The objectives for this training are to:

- * Enable Scouting's leaders and parents to recognize indicators of abuse when they see them.
- * Increase the protection of children by promoting prompt reporting of suspected abuse.
- * Inform out leaders of the Boy Scouts of America's Youth Protection policies.
- * Increase leaders and parents awareness of other Boy Scouts of America Youth Protection materials, including, "It Happened To Me", a video for Cub Scout-aged boys and their parents; and "A Time To Tell", a video for Boy Scout-aged boys.
- * Inform participants of the precise child abuse reporting procedures to be used in our council.

The 1995 National Quality Unit Award had added Youth Protection training as one of the requirements needed to be recognized as a Quality Unit.

Each unit in the district will need to conduct Youth Protection Training for the boys and parents in each unit.

Training attendance recording forms can be secured from the district Training Chairman.

Sample letters of announcement and agenda can be secured from the Council Office or District Training Chairman.

Council wide Youth Protection Training will take affect beginning with the August 1995 fast-start training course held in the districts. This is for adult volunteer leaders.