

# Safeguarding in Scouting



## Policy on taking photographs safely

### Taking photographs:

There have been concerns about the risks to children and young people when their images are used online (including on social networking sites and YouTube etc) and in publications. By following a few simple guidelines (based upon those suggested by the NSPCC) you will reduce the potential for concern:

- Avoid using both the name and the photograph of a young person in a printed publication, social media or on a website;
- Seek parental permission;
- Only allow photographs to be taken of suitably dressed subjects and in appropriate situations;
- Follow Young People First ([the Yellow Card](#)) at all times.

### Informing and gaining permission

It is best to plan in advance before undertaking photography, video and audio. The most important element of this guidance is ensuring the individuals are well informed in advance of the event and have an opportunity to express their wishes. On occasion, individuals or parents will have good reason to request that photos, video or audio are not shared.

It is important to understand what content you have and for what event so you are able to satisfy such requests. You can inform members of your intentions and request their consent at the same time as other data is collected as part of an attendance form for an event or activity. For members under 18 this will need to involve a parent or guardian.

The [young person information form](#) will help you to prove consent.

The form includes the following statements and consent: **(Note, this info is requested at the very end of the form (after the contact details section) and so it might be helpful to remind parents it's there.)**

Photographs, video and audio

The following consent options concern photography, video and audio footage of the young person in this form being published via the following: Group internally controlled publications and communication channels, such as online news, email, websites, newsletters, at the Group meeting place, Group social media channels, Group advertising and/or promotional material including press.

Photos, video or audio of the young person in this form will not be used unless you give us your consent below.

Please select:

- I am happy for photos, video and audio to be published of the young person in this form whilst undertaking Scouting activities across all channels; or
- I do not want any photos, video or audio to be used.

Additionally other Scout Groups, Districts, Counties/Areas/Regions and UKHQ may request consent independently as part of event registrations or other Scouting activities.