



# Child Protection



**SCOUTS**  
South Africa

**AIM** | Ensure that our youth members are protected from harm

recognising the culture, gender and religious diversity of South Africa's youth;

respecting the rights, wishes and feelings of the young people with whom it is working;

## OBJECTIVES

taking into account in all its considerations and activities the interests and well-being of young people;

taking all reasonable practical steps to protect them from physical, sexual and emotional abuse or neglect; and ensuring the welfare of young people and their protection within a relationship of trust.

## CHILDRENS RIGHTS

### REPORT ABUSE:



**childprotect@saps.org.za**  
Crime stop: **08600 10111**  
FCS HQ:  
**012 393 2363/2** or **012 393 23 59**  
FCS National cell numbers:  
**082809 21 12** or **082 850 9674**

- I have the right **not to be hurt**.
- I have the right to be **protected** from physical, sexual and emotional harm.
- I have the right to **speak** and to be **taken seriously**, and I have the responsibility to tell the **truth**.
- I have the right to be **treated equally** no matter my **race, gender, language or religion**, and I have the responsibility to **treat others equally**.
- I have the right to **privacy**, and the responsibility to **respect the privacy of others**.
- I have the right to be **protected** from cigarettes, alcohol and drugs, and I should not use **substances** that will harm me.
- I have the right to **proper care** and the responsibility to be the **best person that I can be**.



**childline** South Africa ☎ **08000 55 555**



**011 452 4110**

## PROCEDURE:



**Write notes** after / during the conversation: dates, times, facts, observations, verbatim speech, names, addresses, contact numbers.



**12 hrs**



**1. Inform the Regional Commissioner** and copy the Chief Commissioner in the notification of the allegation.



**24 hrs**

**2. Report to Childline** or the Police in the event of alleged or suspect sexual abuse.

**3. Follow-up with Childline** or the **Police** to ensure action after the case was reported.



**1. Monitor and follow up** with the Regional Commissioner and relevant authorities  
**2. Inform SSA CEO**



**48 hrs**

## HOW TO:



Listen sympathetically;



Write report, using the child's own words as far as possible;



Contact Regional Commissioner and cc the Chief Commissioner of SCOUTS South Africa, the National Child Protection Coordinator, immediately;



Must NOT investigate – must REFER;



Contact Childline or the Police in the event of alleged or suspected sexual abuse;



Must ensure the child is aware that by reporting the case they will not be expelled from, or discriminated against, in any way by SSA, even if threats of that kind were made by the suspected perpetrator.

## WHAT IS ABUSE?

### Physical abuse

Any physical hurt or injury, which is inflicted deliberately, or is the result of deliberate neglect.

### Emotional abuse

The negative effect on the emotional development of the child caused by emotional ill treatment and/or emotional neglect. This class of abuse includes abuse via electronic and social media.

### Verbal abuse

Excessive shouting or swearing at or in front of children, threats, attacks on a child's self-esteem, teasing, insults or racial taunts.

### Sexual abuse

Involving or exposing a child to any sexual activity or pornographic material, even with the child's consent and/or request. This includes exposure and involvement via electronic or social media.

### Neglect

Neglect occurs when care-giving adults fail to meet the child's/youth's essential needs and withhold life necessities from a child/youth.