



JUNIATA VALLEY COUNCIL

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA.

TO: All Unit, District & Council Volunteers
FROM: James J. Kennedy, Scout Executive
SUBJECT: Child Abuse Reporting Requirements in the Juniata Valley Council, BSA

If the Abuser is a registered adult or youth member of the Boy Scouts of America

The Boy Scouts of America requires immediate notification of the Scout Executive whenever information about possible child abuse in the Scouting program is uncovered. The current policy for after hour notification is to wait until the next business day and call Scout Executive Jim Kennedy at the Juniata Valley Council Service Center – 717-667-9236.

If Scout Executive Jim Kennedy is unable to take your call, indicate the general nature of the call and need to contact him. The office staff will contact him immediately. The Juniata Valley Council will ensure that all Pennsylvania reporting requirements are met and will take measures to protect the youth participating in Scouting.

If an immediate report is necessary due to extreme urgency, contact the local Police Department of the Pennsylvania **Child Abuse Hotline – 1-800-932-0313**. **In Centre County, you may also call 814-355-6755**. The "Suspected Child Abuse Reporting Form" must be completed and submitted to the Juniata Valley Council Service Center - Attention: James J. Kennedy for all reports made to other agencies. *(Including reporting form with this letter or available on the council website www.jvcbasa.org).*

What if the Abuser is not a registered adult or youth member of the Boy Scouts of America?

In such cases, a report must be made within 24 hours of the determination has occurred or is suspected to the **Pennsylvania Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-932-0313**. A follow-up report to the Scout Executive is only necessary if it occurs during a Scouting activity. The Pennsylvania State Police should also be contacted.

Incidents at Seven Mountains Scout Camp

Any incident occurring at Seven Mountains Scout Camp should be reported to Camp Director, Ranger, or Scout Executive Immediately.

The safety and well being of all participants involved in the Juniata Valley Council Scouting program is our Number One Priority. To achieve this objective, following these procedures is absolutely essential. Thank you for your cooperation.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at anytime.

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