



Girl Scout Abuse and Neglect Prevention

GSME Guidelines

- Every adult within Girl Scouts is responsible for the physical safety and emotional well-being of troop members. Girl Scouts has a zero tolerance for abuse policy and clear adult supervision requirements aimed at keep away potential abusers. Abusers will look for organizations with lax supervision policies, and once identified, will target opportunities within that organization. All troops and volunteers must follow GSME's supervision policies.
- Girl Scout staff and volunteers are mandated reporters.

Reporting abuse in Maine

Report suspected abuse using the DHHS hotline:

To report suspected child abuse and/or neglect, call Intake at 1-800-452-1999. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, call 711 (Maine Relay).

The Office of Child and Family Services line is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including on holidays.

In the case of a sensitive issue or incident, contact your GSME staff liaison (volunteer support specialist, program manager, etc.) as soon as possible. Please complete the sensitive issue and incident report within 48 hours. Possible incidents requiring this report would be fights, possible theft, damage to equipment or to a facility, intruders, child/adult confrontations, adult/adult conflicts or complaints, suspicion of possible child abuse, chemical/alcohol abuse, money problems or misunderstandings, discrimination, racism, or any other issue that might be cause for legal action. NOTE: Information provided will be classified as CONFIDENTIAL.

https://www.girlscoutsofmaine.org/content/dam/girlscoutsofmaine-redesign/documents/volunteer-support/A19_Sensitive_Issue_or_Incident_Report.pdf

GSME staff are here to support you. If you need to discuss an issue, please call 888-922-4763 or email us at customercare@gsmaine.org.



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Learning Path

All GSME staff and volunteers are required to take Abuse and Neglect Prevention training, which is located in gsLearn and is approximately 50 minutes long.

If you need assistance accessing this training, please contact GSME at customercare@gsmaine.org.

Click here for further information from GSUSA:

<https://www.girlscouts.org/en/footer/help/child-abuse-prevention-policies-procedures.html>