

REPORTING CHILD ABUSE

JUNE, 2010: ALL staff members & volunteers are responsible for the welfare and safety of the youth we serve. Awareness is a critical & vital element of the four areas of child abuse:



- NEGLECT – Withholding the basic needs of life – Food, Shelter, Clothing.
- PHYSICAL – Unexplained bruises, burns, repeat injuries.
- SEXUAL – Any form of behavior involving sex with youth.
- EMOTIONAL – Anything that negatively affects ones mental stability.

Education of both youth and parents is one of our best tools. Two-deep leadership is another well-recognized tool to help prevent abuse.

*ALL YOUTH SHOULD BE TAUGHT TO: * RECOGNIZE * RESIST * REPORT
*ALL ADULTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO: * RECOGNIZE * RESPOND * REPORT

~ REPORTING PROCEDURES ~

IF YOU have reason to believe that a child is a victim of abuse or neglect, YOU MUST make an immediate verbal report to your District Professional Scouter.

- ANDASTE: NICK ROSS, (W) 570.265.1268 (H) 570.204.6885
- INDIAN WATERS: DALE WHITE, (W) (607) 733-7614 (H) (570) 596-3595
- THUNDERBIRD: PETER BAKER, (W) (607) 281-0060 (CELL) (607) 382-2450
- WILLIAMSON ROAD: RON EARLEY (W) 607) 242-7913; (H) (607) 962-1964

The designee should immediately contact the Scout Executive, who will contact the appropriate authorities. Staff members or volunteers must provide a written report with specifics within 24 hours. After receiving the initial report, under no circumstances is an investigation to be conducted, or are others to be asked to investigate. Confidentiality is a MUST, as well as IMMEDIATE REPORTING.

** (IN ANY INSTANCE, YOU MAY ALSO CALL THE SCOUT EXECUTIVE, BILL MCCA HILL, DAY OR NIGHT. IF YOU ARE UNSUCCESSFUL, CONTACT YOUR RESPECTIVE COUNTY AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR REPORTING CHILD ABUSE IMMEDIATELY, AND FOLLOW UP WITH SCOUT EXECUTIVE).

**Bill McCahill – Scout Executive: (W) (607) 732-9047, (H) (607) 562-3088

WHEN IN DOUBT, REPORT!