

KEEPING GIRLS SAFE

Understanding How Many Volunteers You Need

Volunteer-to-Girl Ratio Chart	Group Meetings		Events, Travel and Camping	
	<i>Two</i> unrelated Troop Leaders (at least one of whom is female) for this number of girls:	Plus <i>one</i> additional approved Troop Committee Volunteer for each additional number of this many girls:	<i>Two</i> unrelated Troop Leaders (at least one of whom is female) for this number of girls:	Plus <i>one</i> additional approved Troop Committee volunteer for each additional number of this many girls:
Girl Scout Daisies (grades K-1)	12	1-6	6	1-4
Girl Scout Brownies (grades 2-3)	20	1-8	12	1-6
Girl Scout Juniors (grades 4-5)	25	1-10	16	1-8
Girl Scout Cadettes (grades 6-8)	25	1-12	20	1-10
Girl Scout Seniors (grades 9-10)	30	1-15	24	1-12
Girl Scout Ambassadors (grades 11-12)	30	1-15	24	1-12

What to do in an Emergency

Although we all hope the worst never happens, it's important to know and follow our council's procedures for handling emergency incidents. At the scene of the incident, safety is your first priority. Provide care for the injured person or obtain medical assistance and then immediately report the emergency to GSCI staff. Call our office at 317.924.6800 or after business hours on our emergency line at 877.909.4724.

Each troop should have an adult certified in CPR/First Aid to ensure troop safety. Make sure a general first aid kit is available at your meeting place and accompanies girls on any activity. The troop may need to purchase the kit if one is not already available at your meeting location. Always have on hand the names and telephone numbers of our council office, parents/guardians and emergency services such as the police, fire department or hospital.

Safety Resources

The safety and well-being of girl and adult members is our highest priority. As a volunteer, it is imperative to know and understand the safety policies and procedures in place, where to look, or who to ask for more information when necessary. Here are the main resources where safety policies are listed:

Volunteer Essentials—A guide to all the policies and procedures including safety.

Safety Activity Checkpoints—Activity specific safety guidelines for activities including camping, participating in a parade, and even the fall product program participation. These guidelines are available online or through the Volunteer Toolkit.

Girl Scouts of Central Indiana website—Check out girlscoutsindiana.org for more information.

General Safety Guidelines

- **Keep caregivers informed** Communicate regularly about troop meetings and activities. Use permission slips anytime the troop is doing anything out of the ordinary.
- **Girls are never alone** Girls should always use the buddy system and be accompanied by two approved adults at all times.
- **Adults are never alone with girls!** At least one troop leader and either another troop leader or a troop assistant should be present any time girls are together.
- **Be prepared** Have a first aid kit, non-emergency number of local law enforcement, and charged cell phone on hand, just in case you need it. Know who your certified CPR/First Aid adult volunteer is for your troop.
- **Know your surroundings** This goes for both the regular meeting place and when venturing out with the troop and applies to both people and places. Assess any risks that might be present and take appropriate action. See Volunteer Essentials for more information.