

Texas Trails Council, BSA

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Youth Protection Reporting Procedures for Registered Texas Trails Scouts and Scout Leaders

For abuse OUTSIDE of the Scouting program, the Scout Executive does not need to be contacted, BUT: Texas State Law requires that suspected or observed abuse be reported to child protective agencies, which may be contacted through your local police department.

For suspected or observed abuse occurring WITHIN the Scouting program, the following procedures should be followed:

The Boy Scouts of America requires that the Scout Executive be contacted immediately when abuse is suspected or observed.

Within the geographical boundaries of the Texas Trails Council, the Texas Trails Scout Executive must be contacted immediately, and will serve as the one point of contact regarding Youth Protection and child abuse.

Outside the geographical boundaries of the Texas Trails Council, the local Scout Executive should be contacted first, and then the Texas Trails Council Scout Executive should be contacted. The Scout Executive of the geographic area where the suspected abuse occurred is primary contact; however, the Texas trails Scout Executive should be kept informed of any Youth Protection issue concerning any registered Texas Trails Scout or Scout Leader. If there is any question regarding who to contact when reporting suspected abuse, contact the Scout Executive of the Texas Trails Council.

Please note that Scouts and Scout Leaders are asked not to discuss suspected or observed child abuse with news or media outlets due to the sensitive nature of child abuse, the nature of an on going investigation, and the need to keep harmful rumors to a minimum.

The Scout Executive of the Texas Trails Council is Kent Brown, and he can be reached during normal business hours through the Abilene Scout Service Center, 325-677-2688.or 1-888-407-2688. After normal business hours, when the office is closed, Kent Brown can be reached by calling 325-572-3337.