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In February of 2018 National Boy Scouts of America (BSA) released an updated, new Youth Protection Training course (YPT-2). The new training content allows leaders and our Council to comply with all current legal requirements. Most importantly, it is a testament to the BSA's commitment to providing a safe scouting experience for all. The newly updated Youth Protection Training course includes the following required modules:

- Overview and BSA Policies
- Sexual Abuse
- Bullying

BSA IS REQUIRING THAT ALL NEW AND CURRENTLY REGISTERED LEADERS COMPLETE THE NEWLY UPDATED YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING COURSE, YPT-2 BY OCTOBER 1, 2018.

Who must complete the new Youth Protection Training Program?


1. All current adult leaders, regardless of when they last took the previous version of the training.
2. All new adult leaders must complete the training *before* they can be registered as Scout leaders.
3. All Exploring and Venturing youth age 18-21.
4. Any adults accompanying units on activities who are present at the activity for 72 hours or more, must also complete Youth Protection Training. (The 72 hours need not be consecutive.)

Who is not required to complete the new Youth Protection Training Program?

1. Institutional Heads/Executive Officers
2. Tiger Cub Adult Partners and Lion Cub Adult Partners

BSA does encourage adults in these positions and any youth parents to complete the training. The training course is available to anyone wishing to complete it and does not require BSA membership to access.

How do we access the new Youth Protection Training Program?

- Log into/create an account at: My.Scouting.org
- **Click this icon on the home page after logging in:** 
- This opens the My Training dashboard.
- Next scroll down the page and select **TAKE COURSE:**
- At the end of the program, save a PDF copy of your Certificate of Completion.



Use Google Chrome for PC or Safari for Mac for best performance. Training modules take 45-60 minutes to complete. My.Scouting does not require a volunteer to be currently registered to create an account. Everyone is welcome to create an account and complete the YPT-2 training course, please encourage your unit's parents to participate.

Additional Recommended Training modules will be released later this year and will include:

- Neglect
- Exposure to Violence
- Physical Abuse
- Emotional Abuse

How can those involved in Scouting report suspicions of inappropriate behavior?

The BSA has a dedicated 24-hour Scouts First Helpline (1-844-SCOUTS1 or 1-844-726-8871) available to report any suspected inappropriate activity. Contact local law enforcement immediately in any case of suspected inappropriate behavior.