



Learning for Life's Youth Protection Training Policies

Youth safety is the No. 1 concern of Learning for Life.

To increase awareness of the societal problem of child abuse, including sexual abuse, and to create even greater barriers to child abuse than currently exist, Learning for Life is implementing several important changes to further enhance its Youth Protection policies.

Effective June 1, 2010:

Youth Protection Training is required for all volunteers in curriculum based Learning for Life including Exploring.

Youth Protection Training must be taken every two years and prior to beginning curriculum based programs and meetings with youth.

Because there is a unique difference between Learning for Life programs in worksite based Exploring and in the curriculum based programs, we have established tailored training procedures.

Exploring leaders

1. **New Exploring leaders are required to take Youth Protection Training before submitting an application for registration. Current Exploring leaders who have not completed Youth Protection Training are required to take the training immediately.**

2. If you have not taken Youth Protection Training within the past two years, please log on to www.learningforlife.org and Explorer Leader Training. You will need an E-mail account for your password security. Be sure to have your Exploring member ID number. The number can be found on your Exploring membership card. (The training takes approximately 25 minutes.) If you do not know your member ID number, contact your local Learning for Life office for assistance.



3. After you have taken Youth Protection Training online, your record will be updated automatically. You are encouraged to print the certificate provided and keep it in your files as proof of completion.

4. If you have taken Learning for Life Exploring Youth Protection or the BSA Venturing Youth Protection Training and have a certificate of completion, contact your Learning for Life office and update your record. If you have no record of your completion of Youth Protection Training, you are required to retake the training.
5. All registered adults in Posts participating in summer activities (Law Enforcement Conference, etc.) are required to take the Youth Protection Training prior to participating in the event.
6. All Explorer Posts are encouraged to conduct Youth Protection training with all Explorers (youth) once a year using *Youth Protection: Personal Safety Awareness* AV-09DVD27 attained through the council office. This visual training covers the topics of sexual harassment, acquaintance rape, internet safety, and suicide awareness. The leader discussion guide can be found at: www.learningforlife.org/pubs/av/46-506/

Curriculum Based Teachers/Aids/Volunteers

Curriculum Based volunteers in Learning for Life who have had Youth Protection Training as a part of teacher/leader development are not required to retake Youth Protection Training but will be required to retake the training every two years. If there was no Youth Protection Training completed in staff development they are required to take a school/organization training course on Youth Protection or the training found on www.learningforlife.org.

1. Teachers and Volunteers participating in Learning for Life summer programs must complete the Youth Protection Training and turn in their certificate or record of attendance before conducting activities.
2. Local councils will ensure that the Youth Protection Training for all teachers/aids/volunteers is provided if needed along with their curriculum training prior to beginning classes.
3. Age-appropriate youth protection resources are available to use with students including DVD's and CD online games. A list of these resources is provided.

Please share these important changes with all Learning for Life and Exploring Leaders.

To find out more about the Youth Protection policies of Learning for Life, refer to the *Safety First Learning for Life Guidelines* available at www.learningforlife.com.

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