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Important Information Regarding Scouts NSW Undertaking National Police Checks

For more than 50 years, adults in Scouting have undergone a NSW Police check as part of the screening process for Leaders and NSW Police have provided this to Scouts as a service to the community.

Recently, the NSW Police have moved to a National Police Check for all adults including volunteers. From 1 July 2021, all adults who apply to join Scouts NSW or whose police check is due for renewal, will now undertake a National Police Check.

A National Police Check strengthens our already thorough screening process for all adults involved in Scouting, and ensures alignment with the [Scouts NSW Child Protection Procedure](#).

From 1 July:

Prospective Members: All prospective Adult Members in Scouting are required to obtain a National Police Check prior to undertaking training or involvement in any Scouting activities. Following the completion of the [A1/A2 or YA1](#) online form and following the verification of the WWCC, the prospective member will receive a Document Verification Services (DVS) link from NSW Police. Identification documents must be submitted to the NSW Police DVS portal **within seven days** of receiving the link.

Existing Members: Existing Members will need to obtain a National Police Check only when their State Police Check is due for renewal. Scouts NSW requires a renewal every three years. At least a month prior to the renewal date, existing Adult Leaders will receive a link from NSW Police to their Scouts NSW email address and Adult Helpers will receive a link from NSW Police to their published email address. Identification documents must be submitted to the NSW Police DVS portal **within seven days** of receiving the link.

Please visit the [Scouts NSW website](#) for more information on the National Police Check process.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Member Services Team on 02 9735 9000

Youth Safety in Scouting

Scouts NSW is committed to operating as a youth safe organisation and implementing youth safe policies and practices in accordance with the elements of a child safe institution outlined by the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse report entitled Creating Child Safe Institutions.

Remember

All suspicions, concerns or allegations about criminal matters or child protection matters should be reported directly to the Chief Commissioner, the Deputy Chief Commissioner (Youth Safety, Compliance and Support), the CEO or the Child Protection Officer at the Scouts NSW Service Centre. To make a report use the [online youth protection form](#), call 02 9735 9000 or email youthprotection@nsw.scouts.com.au.

Imminent Danger

If someone is in danger NOW, the matter should be reported directly to NSW Police on 000. Where a report is made to the Police, you must also subsequently notify Scouts NSW Service Centre.

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