



Training Requirements

Effective May 2025, all registered volunteers 18 and up are required to take Safeguarding Youth Training yearly.

Required Training

- Safeguarding Youth training (SYT) is required for all Scouting America registered volunteers and is a joining requirement
- Safeguarding Youth training must be taken every year. If a volunteer's Safeguarding Youth training is not current at the time of annual registration renewal, the volunteer will not be re-registered.
- Training is available in both English and Spanish

Duration: 90 minutes for initial course

Languages: English and Spanish

How often to take: Must take initial course and then take refresher course/pass the test once a year

You must complete all the lessons in this course and achieve an 80% or better score on the Course Test to receive credit for this training.

All adults will need to take the new SYT prior to **May 31, 2026**. See the FAQ section below for more details.

Key Features of the Updated Training:

- **Comprehensive Focus:** Our new Safeguarding Youth Training (formerly Youth Protection Training) program reflects the more comprehensive nature of the training and its focus on safeguarding youth from all threats.
- **Inclusive Content:** The training covers a wide range of topics, ensuring volunteers are well-informed about potential risks and best practices for youth protection.

- **Annual Refresher Courses:** Recognizing the ongoing need for education and awareness, Scouting America will now require annual refresher courses, estimated to take 15-20 minutes, to keep youth protection knowledge current.
- **Alignment with Best Practices:** Scouting America regularly consults with experts to ensure its policies and training reflect the most up-to-date knowledge and prevention techniques in the field of youth safety.
- **Focus on Prevention:** The training emphasizes proactive measures to prevent abuse and create a culture of safety within Scouting.

Safeguarding Youth Refresher Training

The new Safeguarding Youth Refresher Training is now available to help you renew this annual required training.

If you have completed the full Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT) course and it is **currently active** or has **expired within the last 7 days**, you are eligible to take the Refresher Training.

If your full SYT training has been **expired for 7 days or more**, you will need to complete the full Safeguarding Youth Course again before receiving credit.

Participants taking the Refresher Training must successfully pass the exam on the first attempt to receive credit for the Y01 training code. If the exam is not passed, the system will automatically route you to the full Safeguarding Youth Course to ensure a complete review of the material. Once the refresher exam is failed, the refresher course cannot be relaunched, and the full course must be completed.

The Safeguarding Youth Refresher Training will be available in English and Spanish in the Volunteer Learn Center under the following course titles:

- [Safeguarding Youth Refresher](#)
- [Curso de actualización SYT](#)

NOTE: DO NOT TAKE THE REFRESHER TRAINING IF YOU HAVE NOT COMPLETED THE NEW SAFEGUARDING YOUTH TRAINING (90 Min. Training)!! IT WILL LOCK YOU OUT OF THE SYSTEM!!

FAQ

Q. Does this replace Youth Protection Training?

A. Yes! This will replace Youth Protection Training.

Q. When will I have to take this new training?

A. If your YPT is current and expires prior to May 31, 2026, you are current through your current date. You will take the new training prior to your YPT expiration.

Q. Do I have to take the full 90 minute course each year now?

A. No. To remain current, you will need to take the full course once, and then a refresh course/test each subsequent year. Starting April 2026, to remain current, a member can take the Refresher course if their SYT is currently active or has expired within the past 7 days. (If SYT has expired more than 7 days, the full course is required). Members have one chance to pass the refresher exam; if the exam is not passed, they will need to take the full SYT course again. See the section towards the top of this website for more information.

Q. Do I have to be a registered adult to take this training?

A. No. We encourage parents and those considering becoming a leader to take this training.

To take the training, go to [My.Scouting.org](https://www.My.Scouting.org) and create an account. You'll receive an email notification with your account information, including a member ID/reference number.

From the [My.Scouting.org](https://www.My.Scouting.org) portal, you can launch the Safeguarding Training from the home page. Upon completion, you may print a training certificate to submit with a volunteer application, or wait for an email with your certificate to be sent to your email address. Your training will automatically be updated in our system and associated with the member ID/reference number issued when you created the account.