

Safety is more than a checklist—it's a mindset we build together. Whether we're camping, hiking, biking, or serving our communities, our Scouts rely on us to guide them toward safe, responsible choices.

To support that mission, we're excited to share a new set of **scenario-based safety discussions and role-plays** designed specifically for **Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA youth**.

These realistic, age-appropriate situations help Scouts:

- Recognize and respond to unsafe conditions
- Practice using the **SAFE Checklist** (Supervision, Assessment, Fitness & Skill, Equipment & Environment)
- Reference the **Guide to Safe Scouting** in real-time decision-making
- Understand when and how to file an **Incident Report** with the council office

Each scenario includes:

- A detailed setup with a relatable challenge
- Discussion questions to spark learning and reflection
- For Cub-level scouts, role-play prompts to reinforce safe behavior
- A built-in reminder to consider incident reporting when appropriate

These tools are ideal for den meetings, troop activities, youth leadership training, or committee workshops. They're designed to be interactive, practical, and immediately applicable to your unit's program.

Let's continue building a Scouting culture where youth feel confident, prepared, and protected—because safety isn't just a rule, it's a responsibility we share.

## Cub Scout Safety Scenarios & Facilitator Guide

### With Role-Play and Incident Reporting Integration

#### SAFE Checklist Principles

- **Supervision – Trained, qualified adult supervision at all times**
- **Assessment – Risk assessment for activities and environment**
- **Fitness & Skill – Match activities to participants' abilities**
- **Equipment & Environment – Use safe gear and monitor surroundings**

#### Learning Objectives

- **Recognize unsafe situations and make safer choices**
- **Understand the importance of adult supervision and the buddy system**
- **Learn basic first aid and emergency response steps**
- **Know when and how incidents should be reported to the council office**

#### Incident Reporting Reminder

**After each scenario, ask:**

**“If this happened in real life, would it need to be reported to the council office? What details would be important?”**

**Use the official Incident Reporting Form as a reference.**

## The Campfire Mishap

**Scenario:** During a pack campout, Scouts are gathered around the campfire for songs and stories. One Scout decides to add sticks to the fire without asking an adult. He leans in too close, trips on a rock, and nearly falls into the fire. He catches himself but burns his hand slightly on a hot stick.

**Complication:** The Scout says he's fine and doesn't want to tell his parents. The Den Leader is unsure whether this minor burn needs to be reported.

### **SAFE Focus:**

- **Supervision**
- **Equipment & Environment**

### **Discussion Questions:**

- **What should the Scout have done before approaching the fire?**
- **Who should be supervising campfire activities?**
- **What does the Guide to Safe Scouting say about fire safety?**
- **Should this incident be reported? Why or why not?**

**Incident Report Requirement:** This incident involves a minor injury near fire. An Incident Report should be submitted to the council office.

### **Role-Play Prompt:**

- **Roles:** Scout, Den Chief, Adult Leader
- **Setup:** Scout approaches fire unsupervised. Den Chief intervenes.
- **Outcome:** Adult Leader treats the burn and explains why reporting is important.