

SWC Safety Moment – September 2019

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**“SAFE & SUCCESSFUL POPCORN
CAMPAIGN”**

Hi Everyone

Hopefully your group is involved in one of Scouts Canada's major fundraising event. To make it rewarding and safe we have added a few safety tips for your consideration.

This would be a good opportunity to conduct a risk analysis with your youth.

Instead just telling them what the risks and hazards are, let them figure out.

You will be amazed with how many things they can come up with.

Safety Tips: Your safety is more important than any fundraising goal!

- NEVER enter anyone's home
- NEVER sell after dark unless you are with an adult
- NEVER carry large amounts of cash with you
- NEVER give personal information
- NEVER sell in front of stores or malls without permission. A responsible adult must be present
- NEVER sell at stop lights or street corners
- NEVER go to dimly lit areas or places where you are not clearly visible
- ALWAYS walk on the sidewalk and driveway

- ALWAYS sell with another Scout or with an adult you know
- ALWAYS notify your parent or group leader of any strange activity immediately
- ALWAYS walk away from any dangerous or uncomfortable situations
- ALWAYS fundraise in areas you know
- Make a list of friends, family, relatives to contact whenever it is not possible to sell door-to-door in a safe manner.
- Watch for pets, dogs, etc.

“Putting Safety First When Selling Scout Popcorn”



Sell with an adult. When you go out to sell Scout Popcorn door-to-door in your neighborhoods, do so with a parent or another adult you can trust.



You're not a vampire. Vampires shy away from daylight and love the night, but the opposite should be true for Scouts selling popcorn. When you head out to sell Scout Popcorn, know when the sun will set, and plan to be home before dark.

Just like on Halloween, stay outside. Don't go inside a stranger's house, even if you're welcomed. Stay outside, and stay within sight of the adult who's looking out for you when you sell Scout Popcorn.

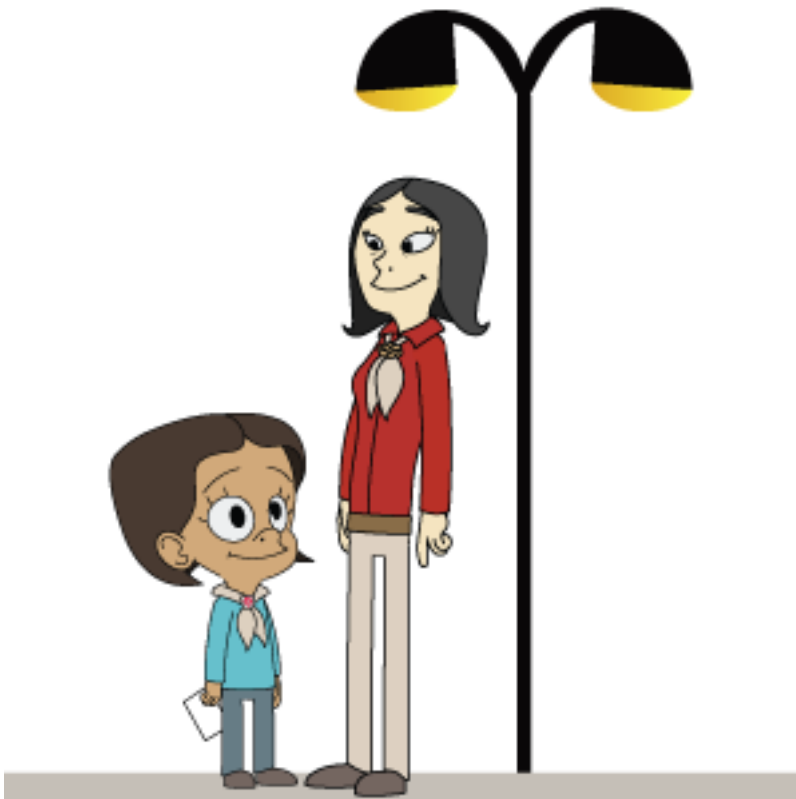


Don't carry a lot of cash. While you should have a little money on hand to make change, let an adult hold on to most _of the money you have when people pay for their Scout Popcorn.

Forget your own name. If somebody asks for your full name or a way to contact you, be prepared with the contact information of your Group's Scout Popcorn Coordinator.

Sell where you're welcome. It can be a good idea to sell Scout Popcorn in places where there are a lot of people, like in front of busy stores or in a mall, but get permission first. Your Group's Scout Popcorn Coordinator will arrange times, locations and supervision for selling Scout Popcorn in places like these.

Don't be a distraction. Selling Scout Popcorn at street corners can distract drivers. Stay clear of vehicles.



Be bright. Stay clear of dimly lit areas and places where you are not in sight of the adult with whom you're selling. If you can't see the adult, he or she can't see you! Wearing a brightly coloured jacket will help you stay visible.

Walk where you should. Stay off of people's lawns – they might have hazards that are hard to see. Stick to sidewalks and driveways, and sell on one side of the street at a time. When it's time to sell on the other side of the street, look both ways and cross at a corner.

Stick to your neighborhoods. Avoid getting lost. Sell Scout Popcorn in your own neighborhoods on streets you know well. Plan your route before you head out.

What the what!? Tell an adult right away if anything weird happens when you're out selling Scout Popcorn. Trust your gut – if something doesn't feel right, walk away.

“Weekly Safety Tips”

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Incident:

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Safety Tip:

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Attachments

- **Week #2 Safety Report**
- **Safety Tip Popcorn Sale: <https://www.scouts.ca/wp-content/uploads/safety/safetytip-sep2016-popcorn-safety.pdf>**

- **Scouts Canada Popcorn Link:**
<https://www.scouts.ca/popcorn/group-fundraising.html>
- **General Risk Assessment Template (None Scouts Canada)**

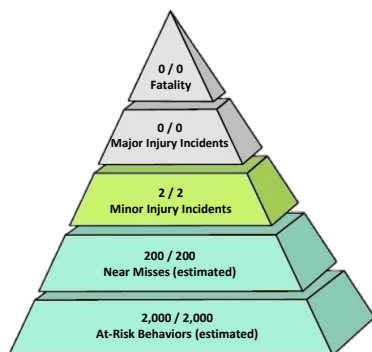
If you have any questions, concerns or if you would like to address a certain topic, please let me know

Thank you and stay safe

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Safe Scouting Weekly Report – Week 1 & 2 Sept 2019



Reporting Period: Sept 1-10th

Total Reports 5
 Incident Reports 2
 Injury – 2 (minor)
 Council Files 2
 Declined Service 1

YTD 5 total reports

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Safe Scouting Tips for Success: Having a planned activity at the start of the meeting will help set a positive routine with your group. Consider designating youth leaders to facilitate gathering activities and ensure there is appropriate supervision. Use this [safety tip](#) and [checklist](#) to ensure your meeting space is safe and welcoming to the youth and parents in your community.

PUT SAFETY FIRST

When Selling Scout Popcorn

Scout Popcorn is a great fundraiser. It's also an activity that provides a variety of opportunities for personal development. Selling Scout Popcorn is rewarding hard work, and the money Groups raise helps to make all of their awesome Scouting adventures possible!

Put your safety first – keep these tips in mind when you head out sell Scout Popcorn:

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