

SWC Safety Moment – April 2019

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“ First Aid Requirements”

Hi Everyone

Last month we wrote about the new First Aid Requirements needed for Scouts activities and events. Did you canvass your group and did you ask who has an up-to-date certification? Did you compare with the MyScouts recordings?

I did it with my group and while I had only 2 members with first aid training recorded, there are at least 8 Scouters with a valid certificate and more to be added. You may be surprised how many of your Scouters have First Aid training. Don't forget to ask parent helpers as well, you may have even doctors or nurses in your group support.

If you still need additional people trained, please contact your DAC or DCC Learning and Development. May encourage all of your Scouters and Volunteers to take any kind of First Aid Training and CPR, it really saves life's and increases the chance to survive dramatically.

“ Emergency Preparedness ”

In our modern world we take for granted, that everything runs smooth and that there is always somebody there that will take care of us. We do know that things can change quickly and our daily routine can begin or end with emergencies and disasters. Floods, fires, tornados and other emergencies can strike quickly and change our lives dramatically. Like First Aid training, an individual, family or community with proper emergency preparedness will increase their chance of surviving drastically.

We know it will happen, we just don't know when and how disastrous it will be. I wrote about this before but I think that many of us are still not ready and hope that somebody will come to his or her rescue. The chances are good that help will arrive but depending on the nature of the disaster, it could take a while. I spoke to many individuals and families and many of them are not prepared and think that emergency services will respond as usual.

I was responding to the Tornados in Vaughan and I tell you, it takes a huge amount of recourses to deal with something like that.

Are you and your family ready?

I have added some great general recourses for you. Please don't forget to check with your local community and emergency services for local specific emergency plans.

Get the youth involved and have them their "Go Bag" planned. Would be a fun way to plan for emergencies.

" Miscellaneous "

Some of you did ask for a list of Scouts Canada approved activity provider list.

I have attached the latest list available. Keep in your mind that things can always change and that may some of the information is outdated. If you have any doubts or concerns, please ask your GC to check with the area or council support team.

Thank you and stay safe

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“Safety Tips”

#30

“Fire safety! Ensure that there is always proper supervision when having a campfire. In this incident the Scouters had left the campfire area to conduct other activities leaving the three youth by themselves. It is also highly recommended that accelerants not be used on lit fires. If an accelerant is needed, it should be used and then stored in a safe area before lighting the fire.”

#31

“Latex allergies are common in children that also have allergies to certain common foods including tree nuts, peanuts, and shellfish. Some younger children may have an allergy to latex that has not been identified, others may have already been tested. Using non-latex balloons would have prevented an allergic reaction from happening. Scouters should be aware of any allergies within a section and plan activities accordingly.”

#32

“The use of chemicals, such as bleach, presents an additional element of risk to any activity. Understanding the risks involved should be a part of every safety plan. By using plan-do-review, we can better identify risk and be better prepared to mitigate any potential incidents. Adding any acid to bleach will release toxic fumes. Contacting poison control was an

excellent response to help ensure the safety of the participants.”

#33

“Campfires are an important part of the camp experience, but there are risks. As this incident demonstrates, it only takes a moment of inattentiveness for potential injury to happen. Use safety talks to ensure youth are cautious around the fire and to discuss campfire safety with them. Even if they are well-seasoned campers, they may need to be reminded not to take campfire safety for granted. Visit the Safe Scouting page of Scouts.ca for more helpful campfire safety tips.”

SWC - Statistics

New statistics will be ready in 2 weeks

Attachments

- **Week 30, 31, 32, 33 Safety Report**
- **Scouts Canada Safety Tip “Fire Safety”**
- **Scouts Canada Safety Tip “Emergency Preparedness”**
- **Scouts Canada Approved Activity Vendor List**
- **Public Safety Canada “Your Emergency Preparedness Guide”**
- **Public Safety Canada “Pocket Guide to Emergencies”**
- **Ontario “Emergency Preparedness Pocket Guide”**

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

