

CHILD ABUSE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

CONTACTING THE COUNCIL

Any event or situation which may create an unusual and/or immediate response from The Boy Scouts requires immediate notification of a Scout Executive whenever information about possible child abuse in the Boy Scout program is uncovered. The current policy is to notify Scout Executive, Ken Wade immediately as possible **(937) 278-4825** work or **(937) 832-5312** home, if not available notify Support Director, David Dean (937) 278-4825 work or (937) 890-7999 home. The current policy for after-hours notifications is to wait until the next business day and call the Scout office in Dayton, Ohio at **(937) 278-4825**.

The Scout executive will ensure that all state reporting requirements have been met and will also take measures to protect the youth in the Scouting movement.

REPORTING CHILD ABUSE IN OHIO

It is mandated in the State of Ohio that all suspicions, accusations or known occurrence of these types of actions against children be reported to the local child protection services. The Montgomery County Children Service's operates a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week hotline **(937) 224-KIDS** or **(937) 224-5437** to receive reports of child abuse and neglect. The Ohio Department of Human and Family Services operates a help desk and may be reached at **(614) 466-1213**. All reporters of such situations are protected from civil litigation when such reports are made without intent of malice. It shall be the policy of the Miami Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America that all such incidents be reported to the Scout Executive or his designee as outlined above.

IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL OR CRIMINAL LIABILITY

Any person who, pursuant to the law, reports abuse and neglect or testifies in a child abuse hearing resulting from such a report is immune from any criminal or civil liability as a result of such action.

PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO REPORT

Any person who knowingly fails to report suspected abuse or neglect pursuant to the law or to comply with the provisions of the law is a disorderly person and subject to a fine up to \$1,000 or up to six months imprisonment, or both.