

- 2) The state deputies should make copies of relevant federal, state, or provincial statutes and regulations available to all youth leaders regarding the reporting of alleged sexual abuse.

C. YOUTH LEADER PRACTICES

- 1) A youth leader, whenever possible, should have another adult person present when he is with a youth participant. A youth participant should never be left alone with a youth leader. If available, two youth leaders or a youth leader and a second adult should be involved in all youth activities.

- 2) All youth activities* must be open to parents or guardians.

**For purposes of the above paragraphs, "activities" means all youth programs other than Squires ceremonials and meetings.*

- 3) On overnight activities, youth participants may never share a tent, cabin, room, or other sleeping area alone with a youth leader. A youth participant should room only with other youth participants or with his parent.
- 4) The privacy of youth participants while sleeping, changing, showering, and in restroom areas, must be respected at all times.
- 5) Youth leaders should refrain from abusive behavior of any kind, whether verbal, physical or sexual.
- 6) Youth participants are prohibited from having members of the opposite sex, other than family members, in their room, tent, cabin or other sleeping area at any time.
- 7) On overnight activities, curfews should be observed with a bed check of male (female) rooms conducted by two youth programs leaders, a youth program leader and a parent, or two parents, both male, or both female, as appropriate.
- 8) Parental release forms must be obtained for each youth program activity held away from the program's regular meeting place. The release forms should indicate which two adults would be riding with the youth participants and who would be driving. Only approved youth leaders shall be permitted to drive.

D. EDUCATION OF YOUTH PARTICIPANTS

- 1) The youth participant must be given training and education as to the manner and procedures for reporting promptly any conduct involving alleged sexual abuse. This training should include the making available to parents and guardians information and materials dealing with unwanted physical contact and to whom reports should be made. The training should also provide assurances of confidentiality to whatever extent possible, and protection from retribution.