

# **CHILD ABUSE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

## **CONTACTING THE COUNCIL**

The Boy Scouts of America requires immediate notification of a Scout executive whenever information about possible child abuse in a Scouting program is uncovered. The current policy for after-hours notifications is to wait until the next business day and call the Center for Scouting in Appleton, WI at (920) 734-5705.

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 WISCONSIN AND MICHIGAN**

If an immediate report is to be made due to extreme urgency, please contact in Wisconsin the Wisconsin Department of Human Services in your county, or in Michigan, notify the Family Independence Agency in your county. The council should be contacted by leaving a message on the council service center answering machine. The "Suspected Child Abuse Reporting Form" should be completed and submitted to the council.

## **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.