

## Announcing New Youth Protection Measures in 2022

Dear Scouting Family:

Protecting youth is our top priority and we are excited to announce some new layers of protection the State of California will be introducing next year to supplement and enhance our already robust Youth Protection Policies.

Starting in January 2022, [California law AB 506](#) will require all youth-serving organizations to take several steps to protect children. Due to our commitment to safety, we are already meeting several of the requirements, including having two leaders at every meeting and clear policies for reporting abuse for all registered adults. However, two new requirements will be added next year to strengthen our Youth Protection efforts in our council and affect many of our volunteers and families.

These new requirements are for everyone, regardless of Boy Scouts of America registration status, who has direct contact with or supervision of children for more than 16 hours per month or 32 hours per year. They consist of:

- Mandatory Fingerprinting
- Mandated Reporter Training from the State of California (in addition to BSA youth Protection Training).

We are still gathering details for our timeline and implementation, but we wanted to share this news with you. True youth protection can be achieved only through the focused commitment of everyone in Scouting, and we thank you for your dedication to keeping all our Scouts safe in Scouting.

We will share details about these new requirements in the coming weeks and months. You can follow updates on our statewide website [www.CaliforniaScouting.org](http://www.CaliforniaScouting.org).

Yours in Scouting,  
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