

FACTSHEET



Child Protection

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Introduction

This factsheet briefly details the requirements of SSAGO members when it comes to child protection.

SSAGO Requirements

Membership of SSAGO is conditional of holding a CRB/DS/ANI check. This check has to be performed through The Scout Association. Any member joining SSAGO who holds a CRB/DS/ANI check from The Scout Association must present this to their club to be checked. Anyone who does not hold such a check is required to complete one before SSAGO membership will be granted. This check will be done through SSAGO itself. SSAGO is not able to accept checks from any other organisation, including GirlguidingUK.

Differing terms

Depending on which part of the UK your SSAGO club is/you are an independent member in, depends on the exact check that is required.

For those members in England and Wales a Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) form is required to be completed.

For those members in Scotland a Disclosure Scotland (DS) form is required to be completed.

For those members in Northern Ireland an Access Northern Ireland

(AccessNI) form is required to be completed.

Responsibility for checking forms

It is a club's responsibility to provide and check CRB/DS/AccessNI forms of any new members. Details of the requirements for filling in a form can be found in the 'Completing a CRB form' and 'Completing a DS form' factsheets. Details of how to check these forms can be found in the 'Checking a CRB form' and 'Checking a DS form' factsheets.

Anyone who is not linked to a club (such as an Independent member of SSAGO) should contact the SSAGO Executive Committee for an appropriate form (exec@ssago.org.uk). The committee is responsible for working with the member to get their documentation checked and the form countersigned.

Working with under 18 year olds

If any SSAGO member has contact with under 18 year olds (for instance at an event that a club is helping at), members must follow The Scout Association's Child Protection Policy 'Young People First' (also known as the yellow card) and Girlguiding UK's Child Protection Policy 'Safe from Harm'.

SSAGO members should also remember that if regularly volunteering with a Scout or Guide group they should hold a relevant CRB/DS/AccessNI check for that association. The SSAGO check does not cover members for weekly volunteering. Details of this are in the

'Working with local Scout and Guide groups' factsheet.

Full details of all SSAGO and Child Protection can be found in the 'Child Protection' Policy Document available in the resources section of the SSAGO website.