What do i do if…?
If a young person tells you they are being abused or they raise a concern about their safety or wellbeing you should:

1. Allow them to speak without interruption and accept what they say
2. Be understanding and reassuring but do not give them your opinion
3. Tell them that you will try to offer support but that you must pass the information on
4. Tell an adult leader immediately
5. Write careful notes of what was said and pass to the same leader

If you are concerned about a young person’s safety or wellbeing or there is a concern, complaint or allegation about an adult or yourself, inside or outside Scouting, you should:

1. Tell an adult leader immediately
2. Write careful notes of what was said and pass to the same leader

If you are in any doubt about what to do, contact the Scout Information Centre on 0345 300 1818 or safeguarding@scouts.org.uk

If you have a personal concern and would like to talk to someone please call Childline on 0800 1111
Code of behaviour

Do remember that you are a role model at ALL times, inside and outside Scouting
Do treat everyone with dignity and respect in line with the Scouting Values
Do treat all young people equally – do not show favouritism
Do report all allegations, suspicions and concerns to an adult leader immediately

Do remember that someone may misinterpret your actions
Do respect a young person’s right to personal privacy
Do act within the boundaries of your role – even in difficult circumstances
Do have separate sleeping accommodation and changing facilities – do not share with young people or adults
Do encourage an open and transparent culture
Do create an environment where young people feel safe to voice their concerns

Do know your limitations and stay safe – do not put yourself in unnecessary danger
Do not trivialise abuse or let it go unreported
Do not drink alcohol or smoke while Scouting
Do not engage in romantic or sexual relationships with someone in a younger section
Do not allow activities or games which encourage bullying behaviour including initiation ceremonies, dares or forfeits

Do not use inappropriate, suggestive or threatening language when communicating with young people
Do not take part in physical contact games with young people
Do not plan to be alone with a young person or group – do run activities with at least two adults being present