

## So you think you know the rules? – Safety Quiz

**1 Adult/young person ratios - four adults can take 24 Cub Scouts on a visit or outing (True)**

*POR - Apart from the Leader in charge of the activity, there must be one adult to every eight Cub Scouts*

**2 Overnight activities – Your DC is the only person required to approve you to take young people on an overnight activity. (True)**

*POR - The DC is required to approve all nights away events, as they do all other activities.*

*For Nights Away this is done through the information on the Nights Away Notification form (NAN). The DC is also the person who grants nights away permits based on the recommendation of the Nights Away Adviser*

**3 Walking - It is in order for a party of eight Scouts and two Leaders to hike in Terrain One.**

**(False)**

*POR - A leader requires a permit to undertake activities in Terrain One. With regard to party size, the general maximum party size is seven; exceptionally this can be extended to eight where the party contains two leaders with permits*

**4 Climbing walls – You do not require any permit to use the climbing wall at the local sports centre. (False)**

*POR - All climbing and abseiling activities must be led or supervised by a person with a climbing permit. When professional instructors or leaders from outside the Movement are engaged for caving, climbing, trekking or watersports activities, the commercially Led Scout Activities Index fact sheet FS120086 should be consulted.*

**5 Parents' cars - Any parent asked to transport Scouts in their own car, should be the subject of a CRB Form check.**

**(True)**

*True - If you have asked parents to transport Scouts as part of your planning process for an event or residential experience.*

*POR- No person aged 18 or over may be permitted to undertake any responsibilities or involvement in Scouting until the appropriate enquires have been made. The inquiries must include an inquiry to Headquarters using the CRB form in the case of a person who will have substantial unsupervised access to young people. Parent involved should be aware of the Young People First policy (Yellow Card). Consideration should also be given to the number of adults to the ratio of children in the car.*

*If parents are making their own private arrangements then these rules do not apply.*

**6 Going abroad - Your GSL and DC are the only people required to authorise you to take your**

**Scout Troop abroad. (True)**

*The granting of permission on form TA requires GSL and DC authorisation. This is then passed to ACC international for processing.*

**7 Cycling – All young people involved in a Scouting cycling activity must wear helmets.(True)**

*POR - Cycle safety helmets must be worn by all cyclists in all organised Scout cycling events. The only exception is a Sikh wearing a turban, who may choose not to. Members are also encouraged to wear cycle safety helmets when cycling on other occasions.*

**8 Bungee – Provided it is run by a specialist company, Explorer Scouts can take part in bungee jumping. (False)**

*POR - Bungee Jumping is specifically forbidden. Bungee running can be undertaken in accordance with the fact sheet Bungee Running available from the Scout Information Centre.(FS120003)*

**9 Aerial runways – Members of the public are not allowed to ride an aerial runway. (True)**

*POR - The only persons who may use an aerial runway constructed by Scouts are Members of the Scout and Guide Movements (note – the aerial runway must be constructed following the advice and instructions given in the FS120006)*

**10 Insurance and uniform – On a day outing young people are only insured if they are wearing uniform. (False)**

*POR - In the organisation of all Scouting activities priority is invariably given to consideration of safety in specifying what form of dress is to be worn. The well being of Members must take precedence over formality of dress. POR - Personal Accident and Medical Expenses. This insurance covers the total membership.*

**11 Leadership – A mixed Scout Troop must always have a female Leader at its weekly meeting. (False)**

*POR - If the membership is mixed it is good practice to have at least one male and one female Leader.*

**12 Leadership - A Beaver Scout Colony of 18 can run a crafts evening at its headquarters with two adults present, one of whom must hold an appointment. (True)**

*POR Rule 3.7 - The Leader must plan to ensure that at least two adults (aged 18 or over) are present at the Colony meeting, at least one of whom should hold a Leader, Manager or Supporter Appointment.*

*Other than two adults being present there is no minimum ratio of adults to Beaver Scouts set for regular indoor Colony meetings, but Leaders should arrange for sufficient adults (aged 18 or over) to ensure a safe meeting environment for the operation of the Colony, which may vary depending on the programme.*

**13 Water Activities - A Scout Leader does not need a permit to take Scouts canoeing on Class C water, as long as the guidance provided in the fact sheet Class C Water is followed. (True)**

*POR - a Leader does not need to a permit for this activity but they must follow the guidance contained in the fact sheet Class C Water.(FS120623)*

**14 Terrain Zero only applies to town and city environments. (False)**

*POR - Terrain Zero applies to all open country below 500 metres above sea level and within 30 minutes travelling time from a road or occupied building. Additionally there must be no elements of scrambling involved.*

**15 Parental permission – Permission is needed to take any group of Scouts out of the home District. (False)**

*It is not essential, but permission would normally be sought for overnight events or specific activities. It is also normal for the Section Leader to send a copy of the programme to parents in advance who can then decide if they wish to let their son or daughter attend that particular activity. The Activity Information Form and Nights Away Information Form (FS120082/120081) are available to provide information for, and collect information from parents.*

**16 Medical records – Records should be kept of each child and be taken with you on activities away from the usual meeting place. (True)**

*Medical information is contained within the individual record card for use by Leaders in the meeting place and for local visits. More up to date information for activities and longer trips should be obtained on a specific form The Activity Information Form and Nights Away Information Form (FS120081/FS120082) and ideally kept with the First Aid kit, which is taken on the trip*