



SAFE FROM HARM FRAMEWORK FOR THE YOUTH PROGRAMME



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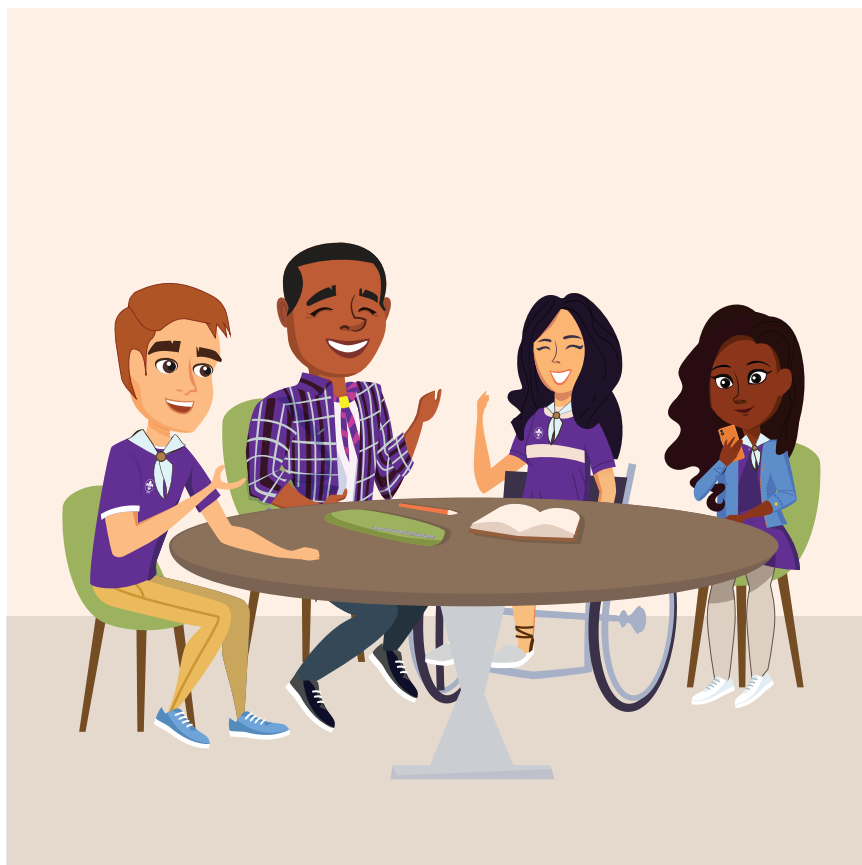


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Why this framework and topic today in Scouting?



Thanks to the interactions with young people during the workshops and the activities at the World Scout Jamboree, it became clear that young people are interested in Safe from Harm and are willing to discuss, take part and learn more about it. There was a need to go further than institutional reflections and reporting procedures that were perceived as the implementation of Safe from Harm.

After consultation, the Safe from Harm team decided to create tools to engage young people, giving them the opportunity to discuss and share around their everyday experiences with Safe from Harm topics such as bullying, online safety, mental health or their relationship with others. The format of these toolkits support NSOs to give adult leaders the opportunity to have hands on activities, use child friendly language and know how to speak with young people about topics that can be sensitive and that they will likely face in their life.

A relevant Framework for National Scout Organisations

In the 21st century world, children and young people are facing more violence and multiple types of harm and abuse (physical, emotional, mental). That is why, there is a global need to support children and young people better on Safe from Harm topics like online safety, mental health, relationships, bullying etc. Through the topics of these toolkits, Scouting wants to empower young people to build resilience, a balanced mental health, self-confidence, be proactive in creating a safe space and looking out for others for young people.

As a global Movement, it is all of us' role to build a world that is safe from any harm. National Scout Organisations can contribute to this global effort, by engaging all adult leaders to empower young people to develop critical skills and knowledge and raise awareness.

This framework helps NSOs to ...

- Address relevant and evolving topics for young people growing up in today's world
- Access educational material developed by professionals and experts on each of the complex topics the toolkits tackle
- Support and up-skill adult leaders around topics they might face without notice on a Scout camp or a Scout meeting
- Empower young people to learn about Safe from Harm topics and become proactive in standing against violence and harmful situation.
- As an NSO, your role is to create a safer place for children and young people and to address any type of harmful situations. World Scouting exists to support you on this path to achieve a safe environment for all.



Goals of the Safe from Harm Framework for the Youth Programme

The aim of the toolkits is to support adult leaders in addressing everyday situations from a Safe from Harm lens, and to encourage scouts, rovers and adult leaders to be better prepared to support their scouts and will encourage young people to take action in a peer-to-peer education on Safe from Harm. We have broken this aim down into the following goals.

- “The National Youth Programme should include guidance on developing and maintaining a safe environment for young people” (1.1);
- Raise awareness on Safe from Harm topics through the educational objectives of the Youth Programme;
- Allow young people to understand better the challenges and consequences these topics can have on their everyday lives;
- Allow young people to develop Safe from Harm awareness and strengthen the support of adult leaders as a facilitator;
- Empower young people to take action and promote Safe from Harm at the local, national, regional and international level;
- Support adult leaders to address Safe from Harm issues with young people.
- Encourage young people to take action in a peer-to-peer education around safe from harm.

What is the Safe from Harm Framework?

The Safe from Harm framework for Youth Programme gathers a series of toolkits that cover topics related to the Safe from Harm area that children and young people can face in Scouting or in their everyday life. The toolkit is created to support the adult leaders or rover to tackle these complex topics in a safe and child-friendly environment.

Each toolkit is built in the following format:

- An introduction covering an explanation of the topic and its relevance in Scouting, the format of the toolkit, the target audience, the SDGs it covers and a note to the adult leaders
- Main topics with essential information and a series of hands-on workshops that can be used directly by adult leaders and rovers
- A section gathering printing materials and resources that can be used to go further on this topic

In most of the toolkits, adult leaders will meet Mathew, Shanji, Yuna and Malik, **a group of Scout friends**. These characters are part of the symbolic framework of Safe from Harm for the Youth Programme and will help to guide the audience through the toolkits.

Each toolkit is fully designed by the Global Safe from Harm team of staff and volunteers and supported by experts in the respective topics they cover.

Safe from Harm in the Youth Programme, through the Scout Method

Safe from Harm is a core component of each of the eight pillars of the Scout Method, and together the eight pillars build a safe space for young people. Delivering a range of sessions and workshop on Safe from Harm topics in the Youth Programme is a way to further implement and talk about Safe from Harm with Scouts. As noted in the Safe from Harm policy, "the Scout Method is a very valuable and supportive tool for the development of young people; however, it is also vulnerable to violation. To minimise this risk, it is important to be aware of the potential threats and to develop strategies to counter them."

Composition of the Safe from Harm Framework for the Youth Programme

The framework consists of toolkits in 3 packages presented below:

Toolkit package 1: Me & Myself

Mental health toolkit: This tool allows young people to understand better what mental health means and recognise the importance of the psychological and emotional wellbeing in their everyday life.

Toolkit package 2: Me & My Peers

Anti-Bullying toolkit: This tool introduces Safe from Harm to young people and adults and offers six comprehensive workshops for different age sections on the question of bullying.

Online safety toolkit: This tool tackles online safety for young people around topics like social media behaviours, hate speeches, fake news, and data protection. It includes best practises and advice to stay safe online at any time.

Toolkit package 3: Me & Adults

Youth and Adults: Scouting Together Safely: This tool covers the expectations of quality and developmental relationships with adult leaders. It includes topics like the position of trust, the adult as a role model, the relationship towards adults, and the behaviours adults should have with young people.



Who is the target of the framework?

The target audience for the toolkits are adult leaders and rovers who can facilitate sessions for young people.

Why this target audience?

WOSM recognise the importance of empowering young people when addressing these topics and involving them discussions. WOSM also recognise the importance of young people having adult support. Some of the topics are sensitive and can bring up deeper reflections and disclosures, it is essential to have an adult leader or a rover facilitating the sessions.

How to use this toolkit at the NSO level?

The tool is ready to be used the by the adult leaders or rovers after getting acquainted with several specific with the topic remarks in the "notes for leader" section.



What an NSO can do...

- Share the toolkit in English - it's ready to be used by leaders, rovers
- Translate the toolkit to your own language to reach more of your leaders - as a default it does not require any changes (it can be directly translated).
- Expand the toolkit with your NSOs ideas (adjusting it to your country, culture, and organisation).
- Create your own toolkit and use those as an inspiration.

Not all adult leaders and rovers will feel equipped to talk about the Safe from Harm topics, that is why it is worth considering bringing an expert or a specialise organisation to present or support in the subjects where they feel they need support or guidance.

What is important, in the toolkits we encourage adult leaders and rovers to be prepared to respond appropriately if a young person needs a safe space to share a personal experience or any abuse, he/she underwent. Help your leaders to be ready for such a situation.

Where to find the content of the Framework?

- On the WOSM Service Platform in the Safe from Harm service where you will find all the resources developed for National Scout Organisations around Safe from Harm
- On our [scout.org website](https://scout.org), where you will find essential information and resources about being Safe from Harm in Scouting

If you have any further questions, please contact the Safe from Harm team at safefromharm@scout.org.



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