

Youth Protection Training 2010

1. Google 'Boy Scout Youth Protection Training'
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 - ii. Never punish a child physically – if a child is acting up, call their parent immediately and ask them to help you with the situation – consider a 'time-out' situation until a parent arrives
 - b. Looking for abuse – Contact the principal of your school, or the authorities. Do NOT try to deal with the problem yourself.
 - i. Physical abuse – bruises or injuries (remember - it could be a severe football season!)
 - ii. Sexual abuse – withdrawing, change in attitude for the worse, using sexually suggestive language or making advances to you or other adults
 - iii. Mental abuse – so much harder to recognize – contact the experts!
 - c. Protect yourself – you never know when someone may get mad at you and accuse YOU of some impropriety
 - i. Never be alone with a team member

2010 Youth Protection Presenter's Notes

Youth Protection – This lecture mimics other programs that go into much more detail such as the Girl Scouts and the Boy Scouts. You can Google ‘Boy Scout Youth Protection Training’ and get to scouting.org. You will have to set up an account, but the on-line video training is fantastic.

- A. Protect the kids - We are going to assume that no one here is planning on hurting a child, but here are just some pointers:
 - 1. Never touch a child – I am a hugger, so I break this rule all the time. Be aware of how you would want a non-family adult touching your child and be careful!
 - 2. Never punish a child physically – if a child is acting up, call their parent immediately and ask them to help you with the situation – consider a ‘time-out’ situation until a parent arrives
- B. Looking for abuse – if you suspect a child is being abused (how horrible!!) contact the principal of your school, or the authorities. Do NOT try to deal with the problem yourself.
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 - 2. My advice, try not to do small groups at all, break into small groups when the bulk of the team is present