

Insurance Information for Volunteers

Listed below are brief outlines of insurance coverage's provided by or through the local council:

Comprehensive General Liability Insurance

This coverage provides primary general liability coverage for registered volunteer Scouters with respect to claims arising out of an official Scouting activity with the exception that the coverage is excess over any insurance which may be available to the volunteer for loss arising from the ownership, maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle or watercraft. This insurance is only available while the vehicle or watercraft is in the actual use of a Scouting unit and being used for a Scouting purpose. Coverage is more than \$15 million for bodily injury and property damage. Because of the high limits, volunteers should NOT be placed in a position where their assets are jeopardized because of a negligence liability claim or lawsuit.

The insurance provided unregistered Scouting volunteers through the BSA general liability insurance program is excess over any other insurance the volunteer might have to his or her benefit, usually a homeowner's, personal liability, or auto liability policy.

There is no coverage for those who commit intentional or criminal acts.

Automotive Liability Insurance

All vehicles MUST be covered by a liability insurance policy. The amount of this coverage must meet or exceed the insurance requirement of the state in which the vehicle is licensed. (It is recommended, however, that coverage limits are at least \$50,000/\$100,000/\$50,000.) Any vehicle carrying 10 or more passengers is required to have limits of \$100,000/\$500,000/\$100,000 or \$500,000 single limit. In the case of rented vehicles the requirement of coverage limits can be met by combining the limits of personal coverage carried by the driver with coverage carried by the owner of the rented vehicle. All vehicles used in travel outside the United States must carry a liability insurance policy that complies with or exceeds the requirements of that country. The council's automobile liability insurance is excess of the insurance the owner of the auto carries, providing insurance protection above the limits carried on the auto up to the council's \$15 million limit of coverage. A tour permit is required when units travel overnight. National tour permits are required for all trips of more than 500 miles or more one way and all tours outside the United States of America. These permits should list the drivers' names and limits of automobile liability insurance carried.

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Leaders should file local tour permits two weeks before the activity and national tour permits one month before the activity.

Council Accident and Sickness Insurance Plan (HSR)

This accident and sickness insurance is provided for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, Explorers, and adult volunteer leaders registered in the council, and covers them for accidents and sickness (as well as accidental death and dismemberment) while participating in any official Scouting activity. This coverage, limits, etc., may be obtained by contacting the council office.

PLEASE REPORT ALL SERIOUS INCIDENTS, ACCIDENTS, AND/OR SICKNESS, OR IF A SUMMONS IS SERVED ON A VOLUNTEER, TO THE COUNCIL SERVICE CENTER IMMEDIATELY.

Call phone number 432.570.7601 and speak to Jane if you have a question related to insurance.