



Troop 54

Worcester, MA

Discipline Policy

Scouting activities are meant to provide learning and fun. We must also follow the Scout Oath and Law, as well as the [Guide to Safe Scouting](#). Scouts are already familiar with the Oath and Law; Leaders will inform Scouts about relevant portions of the Guide as needed. The Troop can tolerate limited teasing and rough housing but not to the point that it jeopardizes a Scout's physical or mental well being. In particular, the Troop will not tolerate:

- Rude behavior
- Foul language
- Physical violence
- Hazing – initiating by exacting humiliating performances from or playing rough practical jokes upon.
- Bullying
- Theft
- Verbal insults
- Drugs – use of illegal drugs or use of prescription medication without a prescription.
- Alcohol – use of alcohol or being under the influence of alcohol at any Scouting activity.
- Failure to follow reasonable directions of an adult or junior leader
- Threatening or intimidating another person by word or action
- Actions or language offensive or discriminatory with respect to gender, race, religion, ethnicity or sexual orientation
- Violation of any law

In short, we do not tolerate any behavior that displays disrespect for other persons, property or the environment. Instead, a Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent. A Scout is expected to keep a positive mental attitude during all activities.

Discipline, when needed, will also be in keeping with the Oath, Law and Guide. Adult leaders and junior leaders are required to familiarize themselves with this policy and with the [Youth Protection & Adult Leadership](#) section of the Guide, which covers discipline.

Adult leaders are always present during any Scouting activity to help and supervise the Troop which is run by the Scouts.

Junior leaders may address initial minor disciplinary incidents but are expected to bring all inappropriate behavior to the attention of adult leaders.

This policy was approved by the Troop Committee on 9/4/07.