

# Youth Protection On-Line Study Course

## Course Objectives

By the end of this course, the Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee wants you, as a leader, to be able to: **recognize, report, and help prevent child abuse**

(Please print clearly)

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## Youth Protection Assessment

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. How many children were reported as victims of maltreatment in 2004?
- a. 2.3 million
  - b. 3.5 million
  - c. 872,000
  - d. No accurate number
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. How many reports of child abuse or neglect are there in Tennessee every year?
- a. 6,222
  - b. 37,000
  - c. 32,788
  - d. 17,096
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. In 1999, 86% of the alleged perpetrators of child abuse in Tennessee were the child's
- a. ministers
  - b. teachers
  - c. parents/relatives
  - d. neighbors
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Staff of school, child care settings or institutions were the reported perpetrators in only \_\_\_\_ of the cases.
- a. 2 %
  - b. 5 %
  - c. 7 %
  - d. Less than 1 %
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. It is estimated that 80% of all perpetrators are
- a. under age 40 and 2/3s female
  - b. under age 21 and 2/3s male
  - c. over 40 and male
  - d. none of the above
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Which is NOT a molester strategy?
- a. lying
  - b. seduction
  - c. tricking
  - d. force

- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Engaging in vandalism is a warning sign of abuse
- a. true
  - b. false
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. All reports of abuse must be investigated by \_\_\_\_\_ investigator/s within \_\_\_\_\_ hours of receiving the report.
- a. 1 investigator, 12 hours
  - b. 1 investigator, 24 hours
  - c. 2 investigators, 12 hours
  - d. 2 investigators, 24 hours
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Coming to school early and staying late can be a warning sign of neglect
- a. true
  - b. false
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Any person who reports an abuse can remain anonymous.
- a. true
  - b. false

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## Case Studies

Read each the case studies below select one and answer the following two questions:

1. What would you do? Be specific.
2. Is this a reportable abuse situation? Why? Why not?

### Case Study #1      “Nicki”

You are just finishing up your weekly Girl Scout meeting and you and your co-leader are about to dismiss your girls to their parents when little Nicki comes up to you crying, full blown panicky tears, “don’t make me go home with Daddy, I want to stay here with you”. As you look out the window, Daddy is in his car waiting to pick up his daughter.

### Case Study #2      “Samantha”

Terri has just taken a group of girls on a two-mile hiking trip. After completing the hike, all of the girls took showers to clean up before dinner. However, one of the girls tells Terri in private that Samantha was acting funny in the showers and making her feel uncomfortable. Terri asks what Samantha did. She explains that Samantha was talking about sex in the showers. Samantha was telling everyone that her father is always telling her how sexy she is. The Girl Scout goes on to explain that Samantha was telling stories about coming onto men who were several years older because she knows how to use her body. She continues that then Kim told Samantha to relax and just take a shower. Samantha walked over to Kim and began pulling her hair and asking Kim if Kim thought she was dirty. Then Terri notices that Kim and Samantha are walking out of the showers together and notices that the two friends are not speaking to each other.

### Case Study #3      “Penny”

Penny's daughter Laura has invited her entire troop over for dinner. Laura did not want to invite Rachel over to eat because Rachel has poor hygiene. Upon Penny's insistence that Laura invite over that entire troop Laura called Rachel and invited her over for dinner. Once the entire troop is present, dinner begins. Everyone is talking and enjoying themselves except Rachel's enjoyment is much different. She had not said a word but is eating like there is no tomorrow. This seemed very strange to Penny because Rachel looked very tired when she arrived. When Penny asked Rachel why she was so tired and Rachel replied that she had had a bad nights sleep. When dinner is over, Penny tells all of the girls to leave their dinner and to go ahead out to play. All of the girls bolt out of the room except Rachel. Rachel sits quietly at the table. Penny tells Rachel that she can go out to play but Rachel replies that she would rather sit at the table for a while. Penny begins to clean off the table. On the way back from her first trip to the kitchen, Penny walks back into the dinning room to find Rachel eating the food off of the others plates. Rachel looks up to find that she has been caught eating from others plates and immediately runs outside to play with the rest of the troop without a word to Penny.

### Case Study #4      “Belle”

During your troop meeting, Belle sits down next to you and you notice a huge bruise on her upper arm. You ask, “Belle, what happened to your arm?” and she says, “my mom did it”.

