



## City of Coventry Scout County

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Dear Colleagues,

### Safe Activities

We must all be shocked and saddened by the death today of a Beaver Scout whilst on a summer activity with his Beaver Colony and our sympathy goes out his family, friends and Scout Group.

With summer approaching we must review our procedures in undertaking any activity and ensure that we abide by the rules and guidelines put down by our Association.

Generally speaking we have a very good record regarding safety but it's our constant review of such procedures which helps maintain that good record.

Our overall aim is to help our young people have their adventures and must encourage this in all sections but we should look at the risks and the actions necessary to mitigate those risks.

In asking you to look at the activities that you are planning over the summer can I remind you of two rules concerning Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts?

Rule 3.6.g      The recommended ratio for outdoor activities away from the usual meeting place is 1adult to 6 Beaver Scouts plus the leader in charge.

Rule 3.8.g      The recommended minimum ratio for outdoor activities away from the normal meeting place is 1adult to 8 Cub Scouts plus the leader in charge.

Should you be using Parent Helpers to assist in the activity they should be aware of the risks that could be incurred and hold a valid Criminal Records Disclosure.

When undertaking any activity the leader should be aware of the safety rules appertaining to that activity and carry out a risk assessment prior to and during the activity. If you are unsure as to the safety rules then please contact either your District Commissioner or myself.

Yours in Scouting

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